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MEETING OF FRIENDS

11/10/51 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Eleventh month 10th, 1951, by advices received from our Monthly Meetings, the following named Friends are representatives to this meeting: From Dalton: Ruth N. Dow, Marjorie J. Babcock, Susan L. Dow. All are present. From Woonsocket: Emerson Mowry, Richard McNamara, Lester Taber, Adam Ewen, Grace McNamara, Mabel A. Thayer, Melba Harriall abs, Beverly Taber and Edna Trask. All but one are present.
From Worcester: Clayton Dawson, Caroline Towle, Arthur Johnson abs, Robert Daly abs, Phillip Griffin and Evelina Wheeler. All but two are present.

The minutes of the two previous meetings are read and approved.

The representatives to this meeting are instructed to bring forward to our next meeting names of Friends to act as clerk and Assistant clerk of this meeting.

A Nominating Committee composed of Willard Ware, Phillip Griffin, Marjorie Babcock, Lloyd Arnold and Ruth Dow has been appointed to bring forward to our next meeting names of Friends to serve on the various Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Committees.

The Queries are read and considered.

Bible School reports from Woonsocket and Worcester are read, and Susan Dow reports orally for the Dalton Bible School.

A letter from the Yearly Meeting on the duties of the Field Secretaries is read. This starts a long discussion introduced by Russell Brooks talking first on the Yearly Meeting peace concerns. He mentions Russell Johnson, Peace Secretary for the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch, and tells us that Cecil Hinshaw is now living in New

England and will carry on special speaking engagements for the American Friends Service Committee from the Central Office, and urges us to use the services of these two Field Men. One of the duties of a Field Secretary is to be a pamphlet peddlar and our attention is called to pamphlets on the table in the foyer. One is "Steps to Peace" to be bought for 25¢, and a second "Vocation of Friends in the Modern World" for 40¢. The latter is a good outline for Study Groups. Another booklet, "What It Means to be a Friend" is a good text book for Junior and Intermediate Bible classes. Peace education, public morals and social concerns are specific duties and each meeting should carefully follow them through as they are all vital to our Christian religion.

Harold Meyers feels that the duties of the Field Secretary are almost too numerous to mention, and each member of the Society should do his part, not leaving all to the Field Secretary.

Barbara Brooks suggests that the Field Secretary does not have all of the answers and is glad for suggestions and help.

Willard Ware feels that the answer to one problem cannot be given by the Field Secretary. A letter from Paul Butterworth is read giving the financial condition of the Yearly Meeting and stating his concern about the Monthly Meetings who have not made their payments to Yearly Meeting. The statement is made that the Yearly Meeting is a uniting force and needs to be supported.

Russell Johnson has a concern that each local meeting educate their people on Universal Military Training. M. M. T.

has not yet become a law, but if it does all young men will be subject to it. We are urged to do everything possible to educate the citizenry of our communities and urge all groups to write to our Congressmen expressing our views. The Peace and Service Committees have literature and it may also be obtained from the American Friends Service Committee in Cambridge.

Russell Brooks reports that Woonsocket Meeting has written letters to their representatives in Washington and that replies have been received from all and are posted on the bulletin board.

Edna Haviland states that the clothing work of the Woonsocket Meeting is greatly appreciated. One ton a week is being sent from Cambridge to Philadelphia. One hundred and twenty tons have gone from Philadelphia to Korea. Much is going to Korea, but not all.

Marjorie Babcock regrets to bring to the meeting a report that Bolton is making overtures to Sturbridge Village for the transfer of the Meeting House to them. If satisfactory arrangements are made for the removal of the Meeting House the needs of the Quarterly Meeting will need to be considered. Russell Brooks states that Connecticutt Valley does not have a meeting house and he is sure Bolton will find a way. Francis Wheeler asks if the Bolton Meeting is going to cease. Susan Dow answers "No, not at present. There has been no meeting for twenty years. In Bolton there are four adult and two young members. In Berlin there are others. There are many out-of-state members and older members. The Meeting is keeping up its payments but the time has come to cut down on expenses." Francis Wheeler

states that plans are under way to build a Catholic church in Bolton. Harold Meyers said that he was not acquainted with the situation but that he thought it was time to sell the meeting house. Providence sold their meeting house because it was too small. Friends need to exert their beliefs to keep alive the unique element that comes from the Quaker Meeting for worship. The Sayles ville Meeting was mentioned. All types of meetings are held there. One Friend insists on the meeting being kept open. One Friend sat on the steps at the time of meeting - such actions will bear fruit. Barbara Brooks says there is a movement afoot in Protestant churches where the wealthy churches are to take a missionary interest in the small church. Bolton might be considered such and we should take a missionary interest in it. Melita Fisher agrees with Susan Howe's sentiment about Bolton. Her judgement is good and that of other members also. Phillip Griffin shares the thought of a missionary enterprise. Help now those who are struggling.

Russell Brooks, Agnes Harrison and Nelson Wheeler are appointed a committee to confer with Bolton Friends on a place to hold Quarterly Meeting next year.

Harold and Gerald Meyers from the Providence Monthly Meeting are acceptably present. We are also happy to have with us Edna Haviland, Russell Johnson, Ruth Sanborn and Harry Swenson.

We welcome Cecil Hinshaw, speaker under the auspices of the A.F.S.C., to New England.

Our business being accomplished, we

adjourn, purposing to meet in Worcester, Massachusetts, fifth month next.

Edith C. Hall, Clerk.

5/9/52 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Worcester, Fifth month 10th, 1952. By advices received from our Monthly Meetings the following named friends are named representatives to this Meeting: From Bolton, Charles J. Babcock, Mayone J. Babcock, Everett L. Paine, Kirk N. Stow, Susan L. Stow, all are present. From Smithfield: Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Beverly Taber, Richard Mc. Namara, Eleanor Murray, Marcia Smith, Ruth Smith, Lyra Evelyn. Three are absent. From Worcester, Anna Johnson, Andrew Pearson, Gregory Harrison, Lee Pearson, Walter Jones, Arthur Johnson. Two are absent.

Edith Hall and Melita Fisher are appointed clerk and assistant clerk.

A letter from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting is read, asking to be relieved of the clerkship. The representatives to this meeting are asked to meet following the meeting to appoint a new clerk.

Last minutes of the previous meeting are read and approved after a minor correction.

The nominating committee has made its report, which we approve, and the following named friends are appointed to their several services:

Representatives to yearly meeting:

Grace McNamara, Susan L. Stow, Forrest E. Whaley, Agnes W. Harrison, Olive Frazier, Mayone J. Babcock.

Yearly Meeting Finance Committee:

Lloyd C. Arnold (to finish his 2 yr term)

Clayton Elsworth - to serve 2 years.

Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee

Grace McNamara - to finish her 2 yr term

Caroline Steele - 2 years.

Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Missions:
Frances Wheeler
Quarterly Meeting Supt of Bible Schools:
Barbara Brooks.
Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Meetings and Extension - Evangeline Mowry.

Any member from our list of representatives may fill any vacancy which occurs on the two Yearly Meeting Committees.

The reports on the Spiritual Conditions of our Meetings are read. These reports to be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The statistical reports for the Quarterly Meeting are read and a copy is to be sent to the clerks of the Yearly Meeting.

Two Queries are read and considered.

Bible School reports from Woonsocket are read.

Frances Wheeler Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Missions gives a long and excellent report with many interesting highlights of work being done at each of our Mission Fields.

There is no report from the Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Meetings and Extensions.

A letter from Elaborg Foster is read. She asks ~~that~~ one or two representatives from the Young Friends of our Quarterly Meeting to report to the Young Friends Yearly Meeting concerning activities within the Quarterly Meeting; also to carry back the message of the Yearly Meeting to the local meetings and help co-ordinate the work of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings. Marion Smith and Gregory Harrison are appointed to this service.

Two letters from Clayton N. Downing, Chairman of the General Equalization Fund Committee for the Yearly Meeting are read, asking for contributions to that Equalization Fund, which in the future will include Young Friends housing at Yearly Meeting. It is felt ~~that~~ by

the meeting that a letter be sent to the Committee at Quarterly Meeting, rather than to the individual meetings for general contributions. Collection of $30.85 was received to be forwarded to Ernest C. Tapscott, Yearly Meeting Treasurer. Receipts were duly attached.

A letter received by the Monthly Meeting Clerk from Vernon Laurence for the Y.M. Finance Committee was brought before the Meeting and we were urged to fulfill our obligations to the Y. M. Meeting.

Barbara Brooks, Chairman of the Christian Fellowship Committee was present to focus our attention on material which the Committee has on hand. Books can be borrowed from us or bought for all our Church libraries.

George Bliss brings greetings from Salem Quarterly Meeting, pending acceptance of the New England Y.F.C.C. and that this can be a part of the F.C.C. and that Quarterly Meeting may give members to Committee and sub-committees for which we are grateful.

Mayor Babcock welcomes us to Fulton in August when we shall meet in the Meeting House for the last time.

Lucille Brooke apologizes for not calling the Committee together for Working with Fulton Friends to find another meeting place. It was concluded that this would not be necessary as yet and the meeting appointed shall be same Committee. Everything - Freedom.

The bill for $5.50 for a new record book is brought forward by auditors and the meeting approves the payment by the Treasurer.

The business being accomplished we adjourn, purposing to meet with Fulton in August.

Edith C. Vanderbeck.

Statistics for Smithfield Quarterly Meeting for 1951

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Monthly Meetings				
	Bolton	Mooresville	Moorestown		Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	36	130	227		393
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,			4		4
3. Additions by Birth,			5		5
4. Additions by Request,		3	6		9
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,					
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,		1			1
7. Total Additions,		4	15		19
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,			3		3
9. Loss by Death,		1	3		4
10. Loss by Disownment,					
11. Loss by Resignation,					
12. Loss by Discontinuance,			10		10
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,			9		9
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,		4			4
15. Total Loss,		5	25		30
16. Number of Members this year,	36	129	217		382
17. Net Gain,					
18. Net Loss,		1	10		11
19. Number of Males,	18	55	98		171
20. Number of Females,	18	74	119		211
21. Number under 21 years of age,	2	27	53		82
22. Number of Associate Members,	5	22	54		81
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,		5			5
24. Number of Resident Members,	21	107	150		278
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	15	22	67		104

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

8/7/52

The [illegible] meeting of Friendship Lodge No. [illegible] was held on Tuesday evening, [illegible] 1952. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The following named friends were appointed to act as committee to examine the applications for membership:

From Order - Jack Riggs, Lloyd Mann, Margaret M. Lee Crabb, Edward Harrison, Rosa Linda Lee, Edith Lane - all being present.

From Worcester, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Grover Cleveland Waters, Minnie Smith, Frank Lee Emerson, Henry Lane present.

From Forester: Gregory Irwin, Celine Wheeler, Francis Wheeler, Forrest C. Wheeler, Edward Lee - all present.

The committee appointed to examine the applications reported favorably and the following named persons were duly initiated into the mysteries of Friendship: Mrs. Ethel Jones, Grover Cleveland Waters, Minnie Smith, Frank Lee Emerson, Henry Lane, Gregory Irwin, Celine Wheeler, Francis Wheeler, Forrest C. Wheeler, Edward Lee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand, as per his report. Which was ordered filed. Brother Lee stated that he would like to have some information regarding the present Treasurer, Forrest C. Wheeler, and the proper use of the funds.

Forrest C. Wheeler also stated that he would like to be relieved of his duties as Custodian of the funds, since he is out of the state so much of the time. On motion, seconded by Lee, it was ordered that Arthur Wheeler be appointed to act in his place. Motion carried. The Treasurer is authorized to turn over the records to the new Treasurer.

The minutes were read and filed for consideration.

A Bible school report from Tonawanda is read; treasurer's report; [illegible] oral report for Tilton - Tilton Pastor's Bible school has been held with an enrollment of over 85; Mary Lou Pond Tonawanda Zone Director gave the report. Miss Hall encouraging the co-operation of parents, teachers and children in the work.

Tilton has made a motion that retired deputies be automatically accredited. Engaged securing advice from [illegible] Mrs. Rew & Mrs. Hall understand and see the entire matter, the C-Division of the Yard Meeting can review same. A discussion meeting after recess returning this matter to the local meetings for consideration and report at a later date.

A letter read from Forest Pastures Committee by Thomas Harrison is now. Report pending. Telegram and local address at Fort Meyers Fla. but received no answer & adequate communication, the Secretary no longer accepts this as record matter.

Gregory Harrison reports an interesting program from the Young Friends Y. M., which was very well attended.

Letter from the Y. M. Treasurer is read, detailing the budget for 1952, the total being $14,60. This is to be put on a voluntary basis.

Space Harrison reports the formation of a Bible Study-Meeting in Lewiston. Excellent leaders have been secured for its work and it is encouraged that all may work in peace and harmony.

We welcome the visiting [illegible] Eng.] Sr. Wilma Hadley & wife Friends Hadley; Frank Pond, pastor of Lewiston Meeting and his wife & both Pond are present at this first quarterly Meeting session with us; thus

Alma Jones Lewis [illegible] La.,
and Albert Hill - Nebraska [illegible] - a number
of other Meetings are represented.
We also had an exceptionally large attendance
at this Meeting - about 200 present.
The business of this Meeting was carried
on in a very orderly manner, and
in a sweet spirited way.

Agnes Lewis
Clerk.

11-10-'52 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Woonsocket 11th. month 10th 1952.

By advices from our Monthly Meetings the following Friends are representatives to this meeting:-

Bolton - Susan L. Low, Edith A. Paine, Charles J. Babcock, Ruth N. Low, Everett L. Paine. Two are absent.

Worcester - Ethel Ringer, Phyllis Rouch, Betty Jones, Gregory Harrison, Edna Weimachel, Frank Weimachel. One is absent.

Woonsocket - Mabel A. Thayer, Ruth Smith, Louise Taber, Russell Ross, Agnes Smith, Mattie Tucker, Mae B. Todd, Joseph C. Estes, Adam Ewer, Lawrence Smith. Two are absent.

The representatives to this meeting are instructed to bring forward at our next meeting, the name of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for next year.

The following Friends are named to a nominating committee to bring to our next meeting the names of Friends to serve on the various Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Committees - Willard H. Ware, Lloyd C. Arnold, Frank Weimachel, Ruth N. Low, Marjorie Babcock, Elizabeth Jones.

The queries have been thoughtfully read and considered.

These Bible School reports were given -
From Bolton - Susan Low reports orally, an enrollment of 104, 21 of them preschoolers, 14 officers and teachers, but with only 3 Friends in the school.

Mark Rouch opens the teacher training classes to be held in Worcester to teachers and Friends from the other meetings.

Russell Brooks as Field Secretary presents the state of finances of the Yearly Meeting for consideration.

Leota Scholl reports briefly on the Northfield conference.

In view of the removal of Boiton Meetinghouse, it is necessary to discuss the rearrangement of future sessions of the Quarterly Meeting, and at the same time conceider the program in the light of our needs and apparent weak points. The following committee is appointed to accomplish this: Lloyd C. Arnold, Grace McNamara, Edith Paine, Susan Rowe, Willard C. Ware, Elizabeth Jones, together with Marjorie Babcock, clerk, and Russell Brooks and Mark Rouch.

Russell Brooks, Field Secretary, announces coming Committee Days at Friends Center in Cambridge on Dec. 6th. He asks a moment of prayer on their behalf on those days, thus uniting with them in fellowship, making it in effect a "Little Yearly Meeting".

Very acceptably present with us today are Harold Myers, member of Providence Meeting and former pastor in Woonsocket; Mrs. Danborn of Franklin, Mass; and Mrs. Joseph C. Estes.

Our business being accomplished we adjourn, purposing to meet in Worcester in Fifth Month next.

Marjorie J. Babcock, clerk.

2-14-1953 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Worcester Second Month 14th at 7:30 P.M., a special meeting called to review and replan the Quarterly Meeting sessions.

The meeting is united in calling all present as accredited representatives.

The report of the committee appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting was read and used as the basis of discussion. The Meeting very harmoniously arrived at the following plan.

1. The Quarterly Meeting will be held four times a year - the third Sunday of the months of January, April, July, and October, with Worcester and Woonsocket alternating in planning the meetings.

2. The next Quarterly Meeting - the first under the new plan - will meet in Woonsocket.

3. The July meeting will be held at the old Friends' Meetinghouse in So. Uxbridge - a Bible School session to be included though the local schools are-

officially, on vacation.

4. Whenever and wherever held, the meal served will be a basket lunch, with the host meeting providing the beverage.

5. The expenses of the Quarterly Meeting will be met by a collection taken during business meeting for that specific purpose.

6. The schedule of meetings

10 a.m. - United Bible Schools

11 a.m. - " Meeting for Worship with combined choirs.

12:30 - Lunch

1:15 p.m. - Ministry and Council

2 p.m. - Other meetings - Young Friends, Bible School Teachers - committees as occasion requires.

3 p.m. - Business meeting.

7. This plan assumes that the regular meetings will close and everyone, young and old, will attend the United meeting.

Notice of these changes will be sent to the Monthly Meetings for their information.

In order to start the new system and to include all ages in the plan, simultaneous with this business meeting, two other groups of the Quarterly Meeting were in session - A Young Friends group met at the Friends Center, Edith Paine and Mark Rowe in charge, with Winifred Barrett as speaker. Barbara Brooks and Phyllis Rauch supervised a junior group at a Valentine party. This group joined their elders for a pleasant social hour and refreshments served by Worcester Meeting.

Marjorie J. Babcock, Clerk.

4-19-'53 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I. Fourth Month 19, 1953.

In the absence of Marjorie Babcock, clerk, Leota Schoff is appointed to serve as Assistant Clerk.

By advices from our Monthly Meetings the following Friends are representatives to this meeting.

Bolton - Charles J. Babcock, Marjorie J. Babcock, Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow. Two are present.

Worcester - Emily Strauss, Helen Walker, Andrew Pearson, Clayton Drown. Three are present.

Woonsocket - Henrietta A. Pendleton, Mabel A.

4-19-53

Thayer, Russel J. Ross, Wilma Smith, Lester R. Taber, Leslie Tollett, Robert Mowry and Frank Worrall. Four are present.

The naming of a Clerk for Quarterly Meeting is referred back to the Nominating Committee for a report at our next Meeting. Marjorie Babcock is willing to serve as Assistant Clerk.

Report of Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee is as follows:

Finance Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold - 2 years
Clayton Drown 1 "

Nominating Committee Forrest E. Wheeler - 2 yrs.
Caroline Towle 1 "

Supt. of Missions Frances E. Wheeler

Supt. of Bible Schools - Barbara Brooks

Representatives to Yearly Meeting - Forrest Wheeler, Willard Ware, Russel Ross, Caroline Towle, Susan L. Dow, Grace McNamara, Phyllis Rouch, Barbara Brooks, Lloyd C. Arnold, (Clyde) Clayton Drown. Vacancies may be filled by those in attendance.

Reports of Worcester and Woonsocket Bible Schools have been given, showing interest in the work with projects in action and more in view. Susan L. Dow for Bolton Federated Sunday School reporting orally tells us of an enrolment of 115 and plans for a Vacation Bible School.

The Queries have been read and considered.

The report of our Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Missions has been read. While it was an intresting report we missed the added information Frances Wheeler always gives us. Leota Schoff reported an African Supper and program in Worcester Meeting. Proceeds to be used for Missions. Woonsocket had a similar program.

Lloyd C. Arnold advises us that there is a distinction between the work of Missions and A. F. S. C. We feel encouraged by the reports of

Missions

Barbara Brooks reports a good attendance from our Meeting at the World Day of Prayer.

Mark Rouch suggests that we can not satisfy our Missionary needs simply by sending money or reading about Missions, we must work.

Russell Brooks tells us that the work of the Church Extension Committee, while seemingly inactive, is largely taken care of by the Advisory Committee of the Yearly Meeting. Approval is given to transferring the work of the Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Church Extension Committee to Meeting of Ministry and Counsel of the Quarterly Meeting, thus doing away with the office in the Q. " At our meeting of Ministry and Counsel held today a special Meeting is being planned for Fifth Month.

The Statistical Reports of the Monthly Meetings have been read, which will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Reports of the Spiritual Condition of our Meetings have been read, a summary of which will be sent to Yearly Meeting

Mark Rouch reports that Young Friends from Worcester and Woonsocket met in Providence last week, making plans to help with a Young Friends Camp at Pond Meeting House, So. China, Me. Young people of both groups are already planning to contribute toward the work camp.

An offering for Quarterly Meeting expenses has been received.

Kenneth Strobel, Bessie Estes, Perlina Fisher are acceptably present.

Mark Rouch expresses appreciation for the program and hospitality of this Quarterly Meeting the first in the new set-up.

Russell Brooks as Yearly Meeting Field Secretary encourages us to attend Yearly Meeting also an Institute at Avon Farms, Conn. which follows Yearly Meeting.

Mark Rouch informs us that Russell Johnson with others is working to secure a group of scholarships for the Institute in Connecticut.

4-19-'53 It is suggested that this Quarterly Meeting use #25 from Stephen Aldrich Fund for one scholarship. We approve of asking the Trustees to consider this matter, giving the scholarship if they feel it can legally be done.

Susan Dow suggests that the Stephen Aldrich Fund might be made available for other purposes through legal channels, if desired.

The Equalization Fund Committee of Yearly Meeting will welcome contributions from Quarterly Meetings, Monthly Meetings and individuals. A contribution from this Meeting has been received, amounting to #26.70 which will be used for Young Friends and others.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in So. Uxbridge, Mass. under the direction of Worcester Monthly Meeting, in Seventh Month.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk for the day.

7-19-'53 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at So. Uxbridge Meeting House on third first day in seventh month, 1953.

By accounts from our subordinate meetings the following are accredited Representatives to this meeting:

Bolton: Susan L Dow, Edith A. Paine, Everett L. Paine, Ruth N. Dow, Charles J. Babcock, Ruth R. Campbell. All are present

Woonsocket: Lester R. Tabor (present in a.m.) Bertina Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Eleanor Mowry. 3 present

Worcester: Edith Leavit, Edith Ware, Elizabeth MacDonald, Helga Beyer, Henrietta Beyer, George Spaulding. 3 present.

The Committee to propose Clerks for the Quarterly Meeting report at this time. The Meeting approves and Melita Fisher is named Clerk, Marjorie Babcock, Asst. Clerk. They are to serve until the regular time for change 1954.

The records of the last Meeting are read

7-19-'53 and approved.

The report of the 2. Mtg. treasurer is read, duly audited and approved. A collection was taken to meet the expenses of this meeting.

The report of the Custodian of the Stephen A. Aldrich fund was not ready but will be read at the next 2. Meeting

We are reminded that a member of the Yrly. Meeting Nominating Committee from this Meeting should be named in Tenth Month

The announcement of the Annual Meeting of Workers is again being held at Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in Ninth Month, the general topic for discussion will be "Strengthening the Understanding + Fellowship of Pastors + Workers"

Since the Quarterly Meeting session in Fourth Month '54 falls on Easter Sunday, it seems advisable for the committee which planned the dates to meet again and discuss the matter. They are also to consider any possible changes in the light of the experiences of the past two meetings. They will report at the 2. Meeting in Tenth Month.

2. Mtg. Bible School Reports from Woonsocket details an active program; Bolton reports successful year. The Meeting unites in an expression of appreciation for the work of the three teachers of the 2. M. Bible School sessions and of the workers with the younger Friends.

It is suggested that a message of appreciation from this meeting be sent to Mr. + Mrs. G. Arthur Small for their generous hospitality.

The Queries are read. Louisa White expresses the humble feeling that we as Friends have such a long way to go, to live up to our ideals and the ideas others have of us as expressed by Rabbi Joseph Klein at the earlier meeting.

Gregory Harrison gives an outline of the proposed Young Friends Camp at Pond Meeting House, So. China, Me. and of the work camp period arranged for this summer. He asks the financial aid of this meeting and it is decided to send $25 from the 2. M. treasury

7-19-'53 and refer the matter to the individual meetings for further action.

We appreciate the presence with us today of Louisa White of Providence Meeting, Mary Flagg from Arizona, John and Abbie Spencer from Zephyr Hills, Pa. Donald Levine of Worcester who attended Y. F. Yrly. Mtg., Wayne Oelerich, student at Goddard College who spoke to Young Friends on Conscientious Objectors.

Our business being accomplished we conclude this meeting, purposing to meet in Woonsocket, R. I. in Tenth Month.

Marjorie J. Babcock, Clerk.

10-18-'53 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Tenth Month 18, 1953.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Edith Paine is appointed to serve.

By accounts received from Monthly Meetings, the following are Representatives;

Bolton - Susan L. Dow, Ruth N. Dow, Everett Paine, Margaret Ware, Marjorie Babcock, Edith Paine. 3 are present

Woonsocket - Louise Tabet, Grace McNamara, Doris P. Mowry, Russel Ross, Lauriston Smith, Chester Smith, Adam Ewen, Etta Pendleton. 7 are present.

Worcester - Helen Walker, Caroline Towle, Erwin Cleveland, Nancy Johnson, Phyllis Rouch. All are present.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer shows that our Yearly Meeting quota has been paid.

The report of the Stephen A. Aldrich Fund is received and approved.

As the clerks were appointed at last meeting to serve until 1954, the Representatives are relieved of that duty at this time.

The clerk is ready for the name of a person to serve on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee. Melita B. Fisher is named.

1953 Arthur E Wheeler
Treasurer

Report of The Stephen Aldrich Fund of The Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends as of oct. 1/53

Bank book # 2015		
Five cents Savings 1/1/53	1268.34	
Interest added July 1953	38.33	
Total		# 1306.67
Book # 26206		
Worc. County Institut. for Savs		
Jan 1/53	2295.24	
Interest to Jan/53 added 4/3/53	34.43	
total		2329.67
April 3/53 paid out Per trustees agreement to aid needy person	50.00	
total		2279.67
Interest to July 1/53 added 7/27/53	34.19	
Balance to date		2313.86
Total both books Oct. 1/53		# 3620.53

The Queries are read and considered.

10-18-'53 The Bible School reports varied - Worcester through the Supt. Edith Ware reports classes from Nursery Department through Adult. Bolton Federated reports an enrollment of 80. Woonsocket had no special report as their school was closed in summer & has only been in session one month.

George A. Bliss from A. F. S. C. from Cambridge meeting gave an excellent picture of the work among the Indians in Princeton, Me. this last summer. He prefaced his remarks by stating that the A. F. S. C. wishes to help all meetings. An attempt to express Brotherhood is one part of the work.

Before entering this area, the Indians were consulted as to whether they wished to have a work camp in their district. Twenty-two young people, 20 of them non-Friends found poor living conditions, mistrust of religious groups (except Roman Catholics), lack of shoes, improper food, two room homes shared with animals in some places. The people of Me. seemed oblivious of the life of these Indians.

After a few weeks of the work camp, young people of the town joined them in work, the State Legislature appropriated $4000 for Indian houses. Later $3000 was forthcoming.

What seemed like a hopeless outlook was appreciated as was shown in many instances. A priest in area who had preached against cooperation of Indians and A. F. S. C., before camp closed, apologized for his attitude. We are reminded from these experiences that human relations do ease situations.

As Marjorie Babcock is not in attendance at this Meeting it is suggested that the Committee on arrangements for Quarterly Meeting choose another Chairman.

An offering is received at this time to help defray expenses.

Edith Paine informs us that Bolton Friends Meeting House has been dismantled and is being set up at Stirbridge, Mass. She thanks all who have helped to make this possible.

We appreciate the presence of Ellen P. Robinson of Wilmington, Ohio, Pres. of United Society

of Friends Women,

10-18-'53 Thomas Bodine, Clerk of Hartford Friends Meeting, George A. Bliss from Cambridge Meeting. Mary & Harold Myers, Edward & Ruth White of Providence Meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in Worcester, Mass. First Month 17

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-17-'54 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester, Mass. First Month 17, 1954

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Elizabeth Jones is appointed to serve

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the following Representatives were appointed:

Bolton - Ruth N. Dow, Margaret Wade, Marjorie Babcock, Edith Paine, Everett Paine, Susan L. Dow. 2 are present.

Woonsocket - Richard McNamara, Russel Ross, Doris P. Mowry, Barbara Brooks, Mae B. Todd, Adam L. Ewen. 3 are present.

Worcester - Alfred Anderson, Sara Anderson, Walter Jones, Arthur Wheeler, Phyllis Rouch, Ann Cleveland. 3 are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and approved.

The Queries are read and considered.

The name of Elizabeth Jones was added to the Committee on General Arrangement of Quarterly Meetings. This Committee recommends as follows

1. Continue 2. Meeting as usual on Sunday.
2. Meetings to be held the 3rd Sun. of Jan. Apr. July and Oct. except when Easter is on that date.
3. Food - Optional with local hostess group. An offering to help defray expenses at each meeting.
4. Program left to local Meeting
5. Meeting of Worship - unprogrammed.

Russell Brooks, Field Secretary announced a Meeting of the A. F. S. C. to be held in Cambridge, Mass. on February 6th. Discussion topic - What Friends Should be Doing. Members of Peace and Social Concerns Committee, especially, with other concerned Friends are urged to attend.

1-17-54 Phyllis Rauch announced a speaking contest in the near future for grades ? 1-8 9-12

This Meeting approves sponsoring the contest, the details of time, etc. is left to the Quarterly Meeting Committee of Arrangements.

Free expression to the merits or failures of holding Quarterly Meeting on Sunday is given. While some regretted closing the meeting houses in the local Meetings, others thought we should encourage local groups to enjoy the fellowship of our Quarterly Meetings. As no action was taken, we continue as before.

Our Sunday School reports were oral. Worcester had three Mission projects - baskets for needy people, collecting buffalo nickels, and a Christmas [illegible] portraying the Christ child.
Woonsocket collected soap, clothing, thread, etc. at Hallowe'en for A. F. S. C., in Nov. collected buffalo nickels, a mitten tree at Christmas time and an offering for U N I C E F.

We appreciate the presence of Jean Fairfax, College Secretary of the Regional A. F. S. C.
We also welcome Bessie Estes, Alice Day, & Charles Hatton, a member of the Providence Meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

4-11-54 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 11th, 1954

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Edith Hale is appointed to serve

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the following Representatives were appointed

Bolton - Ruth N. Dow, Charles Babcock. 1 present

Worcester - Phyllis Rouch, Arthur Johnson, Leota Schoff Edith Hale, Lee Pearson, Alfred Anderson. All present

Woonsocket - Lester R. Tabor, Bessie Ewen, Lauriston Smith, Laura Gallett, Gail Ross, Ernest Howard Jr All but 1 present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Nominating Committee composed of Phyllis Rouch, Alfred ~~Johnson~~ Anderson, Henrietta Pendleton, Louise Tabor, Ruth ~~Dow~~ Dow, bring in the following report of Representatives and officers of the Yearly Meeting

Finance Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold 1 yr.
Clayton Drown - 2 yrs.

Nominating Committee - Forrest E. Wheeler - 1 yr.
Melita B. Fisher - 2 yrs.

Supt. of Missions - Frances E. Wheeler

Supt. of Bible Schools - Barbara Brooks

Representatives - Lloyd Arnold, Clayton Drown, Forrest E. Wheeler, Barbara Brooks, Melita B. Fisher Letitia Jones, Sarah Anderson, Susan L. Dow, Mark Rouch, Marjorie Babcock, Grace McNamara, Russell D. Brooks.

An oral report from the Worcester Bible School shows interest and progress. While the Woonsocket Bible School has a small enrollment the attendance is good representing 80% of the membership.

Reports of the Spiritual Condition of our Meetings have been presented, a summary will be sent the Yearly Meeting Clerk.

The Statistical Reports of Monthly Meetings have been read, when summarized will be sent to the Clerk of Yearly Meeting.

The Queries have been read and time given for their consideration.

An offering for Quarterly Meeting expenses is received

4-11-'54 In regard to the Equalization Fund, Russell Brooks Field Secretary, informs us that last year the amount used from the fund was about $1100 which practically exhausts it. A similar amount will be needed this year. Letters will be sent out to each member through the N.E. Friend asking for generous contributions.

The Superintendent of Missions being absent, Barbara Brooks as chairman of Missionary Committee until Jan. 1 in our local meeting reports that Missionary work is carried on in the Sunday School, the Women's Missionary Society and by the pastor. The World Day of Prayer has mission emphasis. Many of our members read the American Friend, Missionary Advocate, Friendly Flashes. The children in S.S. as well as adults are reading Missionary books, some of which have been donated by members of Women's Missionary Society. $1.81 is the average given to missions by our members. We need more support for mission projects.

Betty Jones from Worcester Meeting reports that Gifford and Marjorie Towle are resource people for meeting giving a talk with slides showing their work in India.

Foreign students from Worcester Universities have been invited to participate in a discussion on the various countries.

Worcester has twelve star readers in the Missionary group. They have contributed $100 to Yearly Meeting, given $25 from the Bible School and paid to the United Women's Group about $26.

In the S.S. session preceding Meeting for Worship a speaking contest was held under the auspices of Public Morals Committee. At this time Phyllis Rouch gave the names of winners in speaking contest. In Junior High group Helga Beyer won 1st prize, Norma Whitney 2nd. In the Elementary group, William Shemeth won 1st place. Carolyn Smith & Miriam Brooks were tied for 2nd place.

Barbara Brooks requests a sum of money, about $26 from our treasury for prizes in speaking contest. We approve of granting the request.

4-11-'54 Mark Rauch feels that the matter of closing the Morning Meeting for Quarterly Meeting is a problem. He feels that there should be oral expression in regard to the matter on the part of the membership. A suggestion is made that the matter be discussed with young people as to the manner of meeting they would like.

Harold Myers says their problems for interesting the young people is similar to ours. He spoke of a symposium in which the young people participating united the older group with the younger.

Russell Brooks asks for comments on the present arrangement of Quarterly Meetings.

Lloyd Arnold informs us that the Meeting of Ministry and Council brought up the question of closing the meetings on Quarterly Meeting Day. This matter will be referred to the General Committee of Arrangements for Quarterly Meeting.

Helga Beyer asked if young people were privileged to speak in our meetings. We welcome thoughts and suggestions at all meetings. She expressed appreciation of a discussion group for the Young People at a former Quarterly Meeting. She felt that it was worth while attracting more young people to Quarterly Meeting.

Russell Brooks has a concern that some one be appointed as chairman of the General Committee. Lloyd C. Arnold is appointed. Helga Beyer and Gail Ross are added to the Committee.

We appreciate the presence of George & Florence Selleck of the Cambridge Meeting, Harold and Mary Myers of Providence Meeting & Bessie Estes.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet in So. Uxbridge under the auspices of Worcester Meeting in Seventh Month.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7 18-54 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at So Uxbridge Meeting House under the guidance of Worcester Monthly Meeting, Seventh Month 18, 1954.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Leota Schoff is appointed to serve

The Representatives from Bolton Monthly Meeting are Susan Dow, Ruth Dow, Everett Paine. All are present

From Woonsocket - Ruth Smith, Mac B. Todd, Richard McNamara, Robert Mowry, Doris P. Mowry, Ernest Howard, Jr., Louise Taber. 1 absent

From Worcester - William Bishop, Anne Bishop, Eleanor Shakour, Forrest Wheeler, Lincoln Harrington. All but 1 present

The Minutes of last Meeting are read & approved after one correction.

The report of our Quarterly Meeting Treasurer is read, duly audited & approved. Bills amounting to twenty dollars ($20) which had not been presented will be paid.

The report of the Stephen Aldrich Fund will be presented at our next Quarterly Meeting.

A letter from the Finance Committee of Yearly Meeting informs us that the Yearly Meeting Budget for 1954-55 is $16,970. When this amount is broken down would average approximately $5.30 per member.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration

No reports were received from our Bible Schools.

An offering for Quarterly Meeting expenses amounting to $16.34 is received. After necessary expenses from the offering are paid the balance is to be turned over to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. Worcester Meeting with the approval of Quarterly Meeting desire that all unspecified contributions from Morning Meeting revert to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

Forrest E. Wheeler resigns as Treas. and Ruel K. Rossis appointed as his successor. The clerk is

7-18-54 directed to inform the Worcester County Institute for Savings of our action.

We appreciate the faithful service of Forrest E. Wheeler as treasurer and his resignation is accepted with regret.

The matter of closing morning meetings for Worship in the various Monthly Meetings on Quarterly Meeting Sunday has had our attention. The matter is referred once more to the Committee of Arrangements with the suggestion that they refer decision to each Monthly Meeting.

We appreciate the presence of Clayton, Ethel and David Spinney from Lynn, Mass., Ethel Wheeler, Susan Paine from Bolton, Mass. and Lowell Coates from Calif.

Appreciation is expressed for the generous hospitality extended us by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Small. The clerk is directed to convey our gratitude to them.

Russell Brooks, Field Secretary informs us of a conference to be held at Moses Brown School, Sept. 14-16 under the direction of New England and New York Yearly Meetings. Harold Chance will speak on the Missioner and His Mission. He also announced a series of Institutes to be held in October at various centers - possibly Central Village, Lynn, Conn. Valley & Maine.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in Woonsocket, R. I. in Tenth Month.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

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[illegible] Babcock, Reginald Babcock, Edith Paine. All are present

From Woonsocket - Henrietta T. Pendleton, Richard McNamara, [illegible] B. Todd, [illegible] Lester Tabor, Lotte B. Powers. All but 1 are present

From Worcester - Edwin Cleveland, Jr. Cleveland, Emily Strauss, Edward Christiansen, Alfred Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Edith Hale. 5 are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and approved

The Queries read and time given for their consideration.

The Representatives to this Meeting are requested to bring in the names of Clerks to our next Quarterly Meeting.

It is recommended that the report on Adult Education given at our last Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel be sent to the Christian Education Committee in each Monthly Meeting. We approve of this being done. Barbara Brooks, chairman of Christian Education Committee informed us that this had been done

The report of the Stephen Aldrich Fund was given by Willard Wade showing a total of $372.93 in the Fund.

[illegible] of $25.50 ~~$24.75~~ for expenses is turned over to our Treasurer who will [illegible]

The question regarding our present arrangement of Quarterly Meeting having been discussed in Meeting of Ministry and Counsel is referred to this Meeting. Russell B. Brooks [illegible] that the committee at present is too large + cumbersome & that a smaller committee should be named. The [illegible] for consideration are the closing of local Meetings for Worship at Quarterly Meeting time + to [illegible] expenses

10-17-54 the offering should include. A nominating committee is approved. The pastors and clerks with a representative from Young People's Group, and Miss Helga Beyer constitute the committee. Lloyd Arnold appointed convener.

Russell Brooks, Field Secretary gives information regarding conferences in Central Village and Providence. These conferences are workshop meetings including social meeting, through fellowship together, mingling with friends in Christian fellowship.

We are glad to have with us Ward and Nina Spitz of Providence Meeting, Ruth Smith of Cambridge, Bessie Estes of Newport, R.I. and Kenneth Strobel of Paccoag.

No further business appearing we conclude our business meet in Worcester, Mass. the 3rd Sunday in January.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-16-'55 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester, Mass. First Month 16, 1955.

The Representatives from Bolton Monthly Meeting are Ruth H. Dow, Susan L. Dow, Marjorie Babcock, Everett Paine, Edith Paine. All are present.

From Worcester Monthly Meeting - George Spalding alt. Donald Gates, Ruth Gates, Letitia Jones, Gregory MacDonald, Sally Anderson, Elva McGee, Nancy Bruso. All but 1 are present

From Woonsocket - Eleanor Mowry alt., Eunice Strobel, Lester Tabor, Marion Rose, Lauriston Smith, Bessie F. Ewen, Lloyd C. Arnold. 5 are present.

Minutes of last Meeting read & approved after a correction.

The Representatives to the October Quarterly Meeting who were appointed to bring in the names of Clerks to serve for the ensuing year appoint Melita B. Fisher, clerk, Marjorie Babcock, assistant clerk. These names are approved by the Meeting.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

1-16-'55 The following are named as a Nominating Committee to bring to our next meeting the names of Friends to serve on various Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Committees: They are requested by the chairman of Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee Jeanette H. Purdy to appoint Representatives from Young Friends groups and from Seniors in addition to Adult Representatives

Committee - Ruth N. Dow, Melita B. Fisher, Willard Wade, Doris P. Mowry, Leotta Schoff, Susan L. Dow

Barbara Brooks reported that Bible School at Woonsocket has carried on in a modest way remembering CARE, having a Mitten Tree, also a Hallowe'en Party.

Emily Strauss reported that Worcester Bible School had followed the outline of Five Years Meeting and had had classes in Bible study.

Bolton Federated has 13 children in Primary Department - a total of 89 at S. S. Jan. 9 reported by Susan L. Dow.

A letter from Anne Vesenka informs us that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of N. E. Yearly Meeting is sponsoring the third annual Speech contest to increase awareness of Quaker testimonies in our young people. The theme this year is Prejudice. The contest is for elementary and high school age Young Friends. The speeches are to be given at Monthly Meeting, Quarterly & the final at Yearly Meeting. We are asked to appoint a chairman from each Monthly Meeting and a Quarterly Meeting chairman. Elizabeth Jones is to serve as chairman in Worcester Meeting, Barbara Brooks in Woonsocket. They will be co-chairmen in our Quarterly Meeting.

A letter from Milton H. Hadley, now acting with the Friends Committee of National Legislation in Washington, D. C. asks that we as a Quarterly Meeting should be of service in this important decision namely - the concern that selective service not be extended after June 1955. He suggests ways we may help.

Lloyd C. Arnold suggests that the least we can do is to encourage Monthly Meetings to

1-16-'35 put in the hands of our members the Newsletter from F.C.N.L. in Washington, D.C.

Russell Brooks feels that many people will follow along with military conscription. He suggests that a temporary U.M.F. Committee be appointed from this Quarterly Meeting who might have suggestions & plans to be presented at our next Quarterly Meeting. Clayton Drown, Russell Brook constitute this committee. At the suggestion of Russell Brooks ten dollars ($10) was appropriated for the use of F.C.N.L.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to consider arrangement and schedule of sessions of Quarterly Meeting present these suggestions for consideration with a view of (some) adaptation (of) being put into effect beginning in July.

1. Time and Place. Suggestion of meeting three times April at Worcester - July at So. Uxbridge - October at Woonsocket. After discussion, the decision is postponed to our April meeting.

The Day's Schedule 10:00 a.m. Meeting on Ministry and Counsel - at the same time - Sunday School for Juniors and young children - A Young Friends Meeting.
11:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship (same type as at present)
12:15 p.m. Lunch (see sections I & V)
1:30 p.m. Planned Children's program
Young Friends program
Special Interest Group for all adults
2:30 or 3 p.m. Quarterly Meeting Business Session. This is approved as given

Collection - One collection is suggested to be taken during the Meeting for Worship. Loose collection to be used for Quarterly Meeting expenses such as speakers, incidental items connected with program or meals. Treasurer to pay all bills. This suggestion is approved & is effective today.

Meals - The present "covered dish" type of meal with the host Meeting providing one kind of dish and the visitors another is approved. The cost of beverage and possibly the dessert will be paid by the treasurer from collections received. Each meeting is to appoint its own committee

Arrangements Committee - The suggestion that the

1-16-'55 Quarterly Meeting itself appoint an arrangements committee which would plan the emphasis of the sessions and carry out the details, with special reference to the following:
1) Inviting visitors to the Worship Meetings and selecting speakers for the planned parts of the schedule.
2) Planning the picnic lunch for the summer session
For final decision this matter is left until our April Quarterly Meeting.

Marjorie Babcock suggests that a service might be held at the Bolton Meeting House at Sturbridge, Mass. sometime in September. She also reminded us that there was a substantial sum of money in the Stephen Aldrich Fund available to the Monthly Meetings.

* Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 17, 1955.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

* We appreciate the presence of Paul Harris from Littleton, Mass. & Joseph Vlaskamp of Muncie, Indiana, attending Hartford Theological Seminary. Their services to the Quarterly Meeting were most helpful.

4-17-'55 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 17, 1955

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Edith Ware was appointed to serve.

By accounts received from Monthly Meetings, the following Representatives were appointed-

Bolton - Everett Paine, Edith Paine, Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Daw All are present

Worcester - Donald Gates, Ruth Gates, Anna Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Emily Strauss, Nancy Bouso All

Woonsocket - Barbara Brooks, Layriston Smith, Doris P. Mowry, Adam Ewen, Marcia Smith, Albut are present

Robert Hindmarsh, his wife and family are acceptably present. He is situated at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. a Quaker center for retreat, study and conference. He ~~gave~~ told us the purpose of such a center was to foster and develop thought among Friends in communities where we live, that it is named for John Woolman, available to Friends in N.E. for Monthly, United

4-17-55 or Quarterly Meetings for retreats and conferences. We are invited to visit and get acquainted. Inquiry for use may be obtained from A. F. S. C. in Cambridge.

Conferences by foreign students, Young Friends, Peace groups & College groups have been held here, all inspired by the atmosphere.

May 6-8 Conference at this center
Topic - "New Direction to Pacifism"
Powerful group of speakers including such leaders as Tom [illegible], Bayard Rustin, Cecil Hinshaw. All interested find way there.

He then gave us an outline of the Avon Institute which will be held June 12-19. 3rd week. Speakers - Chakravarty, Cecil Hinshaw, Milton Taylor, Harold Tennyson, Norman Whitney, Ray Wilson, Stephen Carey, Dean.

Program - Round Table Discussions
Worship service
Recreation
Evenings - Discussions

If One friend from each Monthly Meeting could is urged to attend it would strengthen the Monthly Meeting, give great inspiration to young folks, college folks or older people.

The Nominating Committee reports as follows:

Finance Committee
Clayton Drown 1 year
Lloyd C. Arnold 2 years

Nominating Committee
Melita B. Fisher 1 year
Edith Ware - 2 years

Supt. of Missions
Letitia Jones

Supt. of Bible Schools
Barbara Brooks

Alternates
Barbara Brooks
Letitia Jones

Representatives to N. E. Yrly. Mtg.
Edith Ware
Clayton Drown
Lloyd Arnold
Melita B. Fisher
Grace E. McNamara
Susan L. Dow
Willard Ware
Ruth Smith

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Young Friends	Alternates
Gregory Harrison	Glenn Smith
Helga Beyer	Neal Ewen

Juniors	Alternates
Douglas Drown	Carolyn Smith
Joel Brooks	William Shemeth

Vacancies may be filled by those in attendance

The Statistical Reports have been read, a summary of which will be sent the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Reports on the Spiritual Condition of our Meetings have been presented: Doris P. Mowry is appointed to make a summary of them to be sent to Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Edith Ware reporting for Worcester Bible School gives an enrollment of 26 with 60.9% average attendance. The adult group has enjoyed a study of Quaker Leaders with an average attendance of fifteen. This group has been led by various members of group.
Extended sessions include a Stamp Club, class projects. Since first of year children of Nursery School age have been taken care of by a paid attendant which is working out very satisfactorily.
Material used is from Friends Supply House in Richmond, Ind.

Balance on hand		$105.71
Collections for quarter		$73.68
		$179.39
Pd. for S.S. material	27.42	
" toys for Nursery	5.40	
A.F.S.C. Mittens	10.00	
Valentine collection	7.00	
Missions	10.00	$59.82

Barbara Brooks reports progress with a small group in Woonsocket Bible School. Gifts to CARE, Indian Affairs, UNICEF and a monthly contribution to Missions.

Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

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As Frances Wheeler, Missionary Supt. was unable to be present, Emily Strauss reports that Worcester has seventeen members in their Missionary group, Missionary books have been read, also Missionary Advocate. A total of $103.85 has been given Missions. Seven of their members attended the Miss. Mtg. in Cambridge.

Barbara Brooks informs us that Missionary report blanks are being revised. Approximately $116 has been sent Missions, $105 from Miss. Society. A faithful group in Missionary Society have read Mission books which are still being circulated.

Russell Brooks notes that about 20% of the United Budget goes for Missions

* As Frances Wheeler has asked to be released as Supt. of Missions the Clerk is asked to write a note of appreciation for her service and to express our gratitude for the work she has done in this capacity.

The Report of Committee on Arrangements and Schedule of Sessions of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends is before us again.

It is definitely decided that 3 meetings of Q. M. will be held instead of 4

April in Worcester
July So. Uxbridge
October Woonsocket

The days schedule

10:00 A.M. Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
11:00 A.M. Meeting for Worship (same type as present)
12:15 p.m. Lunch - covered dish type, host meeting providing one kind of dish, another. The cost of beverage and probably the dessert to be paid for from loose collection from Meeting for Worship. Worcester and Woonsocket are asked to appoint local committees to care for serving meals when they are the host meetings.
1:30 p.m. Planned Children's Program
" Young Friends "
Special Interest Group for all adults.
2:30 or 3 p.m. Quarterly Meeting Business Session

One collection is to be taken during the day in the Meeting for Worship. All "loose" collection shall be used for Q. Meeting expenses. The Quarterly Meeting Treasurer shall handle this money, paying expenses for speakers, items connected

4-17-55 with program and expenses connected with meal.

The Quarterly Meeting is to appoint an Arrangement Committee which would plan the emphasis of the sessions carry out the details with special reference to the following. 1) Inviting visitors to Worship Meetings and selecting speakes for planned parts of the schedule. 2) Planning the picnic lunch for the summer session.

The following committee was appointed Edith Paine, Russell Brooks, Willard Ware, Donald Gates, Ruth N. Dow, Lloyd C. Arnold.

Hereafter the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee are to bring in names of Arrangement Committee for one year.

The above schedule for Quarterly Meeting Sessions is to be presented Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Russell Brooks as Field Secretary informs us that money from local + quarterly Meetings, Sunday Schools and individuals are asked to contribute to Equalization Fund which is unusually low. This information supplements the letter received from Clayton Spinney. A special offering is taken amounting to thirty-one dollars and $10 is appropriated from Q. Mtg. Treasury

Russell Brooks gives us a few tentative plans for Yearly Meeting.

Susan L. Dow tells of an interesting book "Quakers in War Time" by Howard Kershener which she hopes to place in Monthly Meetings through the Mosher Fund

R. Brooks reports that in some Young Peoples Groups in Yearly Mtg. visits have been made to United Nations + also F. C. N. L.

We appreciate the presence of Robert Hindmarsh + family at this Meeting and his ministry in Meeting for Worship. Winslow Osborne, clerk of N. E. Yrly. Mtg. of Friends and Ruth Osborne are acceptably present Leon Taber from Greenfield, Mass. is welcomed.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in So. Uxbridge, Seventh Month, 17, '55

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

4-17-55 At 1:30 preceding the Business Session a Speech Contest was held The topic Prejudice.
Young Friends' winners were Helga Beyer 1st and Jürgen Kroll 2nd from Worcester
Junior Winners were Astrid Kroll. 1st from Worcester
Miriam Brooks-second from Woonsocket.
1st prizes $10 to attend Yearly Meeting
2nd " $2.50 each for books.

7-17-55 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at So. Uxbridge, Mass. Seventh Month 17, 1955.

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the following are named Representatives!
Balton - Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow, Edith Paine all present
Woonsocket - Louise Tabet, Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Lloyd C. Arnold, Richard Mc Namara, Marion Ross. All but two are present.
Worcester - Sadie Walker, Helen Walker, Donald Gates, Ruth Gates, Forrest Wheeler, Eleanor Shakoor
All but one present.

A period of silent prayer for the Peace Conference at Geneva was held.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Ruth N. Dow was appointed to serve.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

Mrs. Strauss reports that the paid worker mentioned in the Minutes would not accept remuneration.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer is read, audited and approved. Today's collection $39.03

The report of the Stephen A. Aldrich Fund is given, a copy of which is appended.

7-17-55 A letter from the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee is at hand, informing us that the Budget for 1955-56 is $17,411. The average per member is $5.40

The Queries are read and time given for meditation.

Barbara Brooks, chairman of Christian Education Committee speaks of the problem related to Junior High attendance at Yearly Meeting. This year there was irregular attendance at morning classes, much wandering around. Attendance at recreation time was no problem but how shall we prepare our young people at home, to go to Yearly Meeting conscious of their town Y. M. responsibilities in regard to class work. Each local meeting should try to remedy the matter in the case of its own Junior High age representatives.

As Barbara Brooks will no longer be able to serve as Bible School Superintendent in this Quarterly Meeting, the appointment of a successor is referred to the Nominating Committee.

Russell Brooks beloved pastor of Smithfield Monthly Meeting will not be with us at our next Quarterly Meeting as he assumes duties as Executive Director of Woolman Hill at Deerfield Mass on Tenth Month 1st.

We wish to express appreciation for helpfulness in this Quarterly Meeting as a pastor and as Field Secretary.

While we rejoice with him at advancement we shall miss the fellowship and service that he and Barbara have given us.

We wish them happiness and success in the larger field of service. One bright spot is the fact that they will continue as members of Purchase Yearly Meeting.

Russell Brooks reports that Robert Hardman and family will continue as custodians at Woolman Hill. Russell Brooks expresses appreciation to this Quarterly Meeting for having recorded him as a minister

7-17-55

We regret that Milton and Freda Hadley who were to be out Quarterly Meeting guests were unable to be with us owing to the death of a member of the family. The Clerk is requested to extend sympathy from this Meeting.

Martha Phillis and young Katherine Rauch (are) now residing in Kansas are acceptably present.

We are pleased to have had Semon Batenbaum from Brown University who spoke to the Young Friends.

We were glad to have had Ruth & Louisa White again, (after their) from Providence Meeting, Abbie & John Lucas, Jonathan & Mrs. Steere from Pennsylvania Reynolds Steere & Kenneth Steere.

Ted and Marion Clemens who are serving the Worcester Meeting made our Quarterly Meeting more interesting by their talks. We welcome them to S. Dartq.

We all feel greatly indebted to Arthur & Mrs. Small for inviting us to again enjoy their cool yard and for their part in the delicious deserts. A note of appreciation will be sent to them.

Gregory Harrison and Helga Beyer are arranging for a caravan to the Young Friends of North America Conference to be held in Syracuse, 2nd in August. They would appreciate care for the caravan. The Young Friends should be of Junior High or older age.

Our business being accomplished we adjourn for our regular meeting in Woonsocket in October.

Melita B. Fisher, Clerk

10-16-55 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Tenth Month 16, 1955.

The Representatives from Monthly Meetings

Bolton Ruth N. Dow present

Worcester - Helga Beyer, Henrietta Beyer, Letitia Jones, Walter Jones, Emily Strauss, William Bishop. All but 2 are present

Woonsocket - Russel Ross, Adam Ewen, Lloyd C. Arnold Ruth Smith, Louise Taber, Muriel Mc Dee. All but 1 are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Representatives to this Meeting are requested to bring in the names of Clerks at our next Quarterly Meeting in Fourth Month 1956.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration

At our last Quarterly Meeting, the Nominating Committee was requested to bring in the name of a Quarterly Meeting Bible Superintendent to replace Barbara Brooks. The name of Edith Ware is suggested and heartily approved

A letter from Chester C. Smith has been read giving dates and meeting places of seminars throughout the Yearly Meeting. Meetings are scheduled at 3 and 7 p.m. - Oct. 22 Conn. Valley Area - Woolman Hill - November 6 No. New England - Portland, Maine, Nov. 20 Central N.E. Lawrence, Mass.

As no Quarterly Meeting is held in January, it is necessary to appoint a Nominating Committee Clayton Brown, Doris B. Mowry, Caroline Towle, Edith Paine, Ruth N. Dow, Lester Taber are appointed

We appreciate the symposium preceding this meeting, arranged by Harold Myers of Providence Meeting

10-16-'55 who has been acceptably present with Mary Myers and a group of Providence young people.

As tomorrow is the birthday of one of our faithful members we send loving greetings with the flowers to Mabel A. Thayer. We also send greetings to two other members who are ill - Anne Aldrich and H. A. Pendleton. We welcome a newcomer, Robert Irwin Solomon into the Worcester Meeting and send greetings to him and to Marion, his mother.

The Arrangement Committee feels that the arranged program of today was especially worthwhile, the Young Friends making a very thoughtful and thought provoking contribution. The chairman speaks of a criticism heard from some that 10 a. m. is an early hour for the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, but the hope has been that the spirit of this Meeting would set the pattern for all sessions that follow.

Edith Ware, the newly appointed Bible School Superintendent would appreciate a quarterly report preceding Quarterly Meeting. The year is from April to April.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet at Worcester, Mass. in April, 1956.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

4-15-56 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester, Mass. Fourth Month 15, 1956.

The Representatives to this Meeting are
From Bolton - Ruth N. Dow - present
" Woonsocket - Eunice Strobel, Lester Tabet, Louise Tabet, Lauriston Smith, Ruth Smith, Bessie F. Ewen, Robert E. Mowry - all but two are present
From Worcester - Donald Gates, Gregory MacDonald, Betty MacDonald, Anna Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Ruth Cornwell - all are present

The Representatives to the October meeting present the names of Melita B. Fisher as Clerk, Eunice Strobel as Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year. These names are approved by the Meeting.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is as follows:
Finance Committee - Bessie Ewen - 1 yr.
Clayton Drown - 2 yrs.

Nominating Committee - Edith Ware - 1 yr.
Melita B. Fisher - 2 yrs.

Supt. of Missions Letitia Jones
Supt. of Bible School - Edith Ware

Representatives - Edith Ware, Susan L. Dow, Clayton Drown, Melita B. Fisher, Willard Ware, Ruth Smith, Marion Ross, Elizabeth Jones, Bessie F. Ewen. Alternates - Letitia Jones, Grace McNamara

Junior Representatives - (Eleanor Smith, Carolyn Smith), Klaus Beyer - Alternates - Kathy Smith, Douglass Drown, Beverly Follett

Young Friends Representatives - Gregory Harrison Carolyn Smith. Alternates - Glenn Smith, Helga Beyer, Rhoda Mowry.

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The Quarterly Meeting Arrangement Committee: Donald Gates, Willard Ware, Melita B. Fisher, Elizabeth Jones, Russel Ross, Lester Tabor

Vacancies attending Yearly Meeting may be replaced by those in attendance.

The reports of the Spiritual Condition of our Meetings have been read, a summary of which will be sent to Yearly Meeting.

The Statistical Reports are read. They will be summarized for Yearly Meeting.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

George Fischer, Associate Secretary of A.F.S.C. is acceptably present giving us a brief synopsis of the work of the Committee. He tells us that in spite of announcements that need for help has declined, materials are still needed. The surplus food the government sends are seeds of good will. Much of Friends' giving is for general work. Time and goods from individual meetings are needed. Sound films on work in Korea by Friends is available. Houses are being built there for $200. Pamphlets are available.

The Bible School in Worcester gave an interesting report through the Supt. Edith Ware. Their staff includes five teachers, a nursery attendant, pianist besides a Supt.-Sec.-Treas. The enrollment in children's department (is) averages 52%. In Oct. adult study class averaged an attendance of 10. Children's Day the morning service was in charge of the children. Money was given to Missionary work & to Indian work. Cross & Crown system is used which encourages attendance.

Lloyd Arnold, Supt. of Woonsocket Bible School reported an enrollment of 9 in Primary Dept., film strips on "How to Lead a Discussion" have been shown. Teachers' meetings are held where special sug-

4-15-'56 gestions on building up the spiritual condition of the group are discussed. Money has been given to the African fund, a flower calendar is being prepared. Quaker material is used as far as possible.

Letitia Jones, Supt. of Missions reported that during the year Worcester had been favored by the presence of Dorothy Pitman, Thomas Lungaho, Freda Hadley and Bernice Douglass at various meetings. $179 had been given to Missions by United Women + $56 for other projects along missionary lines.

An announcement of a Religious Meeting to be held in So. Uxbridge on May 20 in charge of the Friends has been read, to which all are cordially invited. Elton Trueblood will be in attendance. The clerks and pastors with Joseph C. Estes constitute a committee to make arrangements for the meeting.

Announcement of Summer Institute at Friendly Crossways, at Harvard, Mass. has been made by George Fischer, to be held the last week in June and the last week of August

It is suggested that the clerk of this meeting write to the Clerk of Yearly Meeting to find out the possibility of having some of the Yearly Meeting business sessions in the evening so that business men and women could attend.

It is also suggested that a request be made to have Bible School yearly reports end in June.

Leslie Barrett and George Selleck from Cambridge Meeting, George Fischer from the Lynn Meeting are very welcome guests.

We approve of giving sixty dollars ($60) to the Yearly Meeting Equilization Fund to be particularly used for Young People.

Willard Ware feels that young people who

4-15-'56 attend Yearly Meeting at Friendly Crossways acquire enthusiasm and understanding of Quakerism

Meeting adjourned to meet in So. Uxbridge in July.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

7-15-'56 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in South Uxbridge, Mass. Seventh Month 15, 1956

The Representatives to this Meeting are:
Bolton - Edith Paine, Everett Paine, Margaret Ware, Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow
Woonsocket - Russell Ross, Marion Ross, Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Bessie Ewen, Lloyd C. Arnold
Worcester - Willard Ware, Edith Ware, Ted Solomon, Marion Solomon, Emily Strauss, Caroline Towle. All are present.

The Minutes of last Meting are read.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer is read, audited and approved. Todays offering is $4.68

A letter from the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee is at hand informing us that the budget for 1956-57 is $19,173.75 an increase of $1627.75 over last year.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

Ruth White from Providence Meeting explains the relationship between local meetings and Five Years Meeting. Each of the eleven Yearly Meetings send Representatives to each board of Five Years Meeting. N. England Yearly Meeting failed to meet its proportionate share of Five Years Meeting expenses so a letter is being sent each member asking for additional funds. The Five Years Meeting is expanding. Each board has its own activities. Ruth White is on the Mission Board.

Willard Ware, a member of the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting tells some of the activities

of the Boards. Five Years Meeting does things that individual meetings, quarterly meetings or yearly meetings can not do, such as Mission work, Peace & Social Concerns, Evangelism, Ministerial Training, Christian Education, etc. A Co-ordinating Committee makes contacts between the Meetings.

A letter from Clara St. John, clerk of Young Friends has been read telling of change in their Committee members. Each Quarterly Meeting is requested to appoint a Representative whose duties are three fold: 1) to attend his own Quarterly Meeting, 2) to attend Yearly Meeting, 3) to receive literature from Young Friends' Clerk and make announcements at Quarterly Meetings on the literature received. In case of illness, the Representative will appoint a substitute. Lloyd Arnold and Edith Ware are appointed to canvas their Monthly Meetings for a suitable Representative & a choice to be made by them.

The concerns expressed at our Quarterly Meeting in Fourth Month were presented to the Yearly Meeting. The matter of having at least one business session in the evening was recommended to the Committee on Arrangements. The closing of the Sunday School year in June was considered by the Christian Education Committee but it did not think it advisable to make this change. Caleb Smith, a member of Christian Education Committee reported that this change was carefully considered.

Caleb Smith from the Providence Meeting explains the idea that John Greene has in mind in donating property with an endowment, located on 6-8 Chestnut St. Beacon Hill, Boston, Mass. (to N. E. Yearly Meeting). He would desire having it used as an educational center, this having been a concern for several years. The Yearly Meeting felt that ~~it~~ this should not be under its sponsorship. With the approval of the Yearly Meeting, a Committee of four including Caleb Smith (at) asking one person from each Quarterly Meeting to become members of a coordinating committee to study the matter.

7-15-'56 Eighteen to twenty students and a few visiting friends could be accomodated. There is suitable space for meetings, it might be a fellowship center. Educational programs, lectures and possibly ministerial training might be held. A resident couple with Christian ideals would promote fellowship.

When and if the Committee find it advisable after studying the situation, a Board of Trustees would present a program in keeping with the suggestions mentioned.

We approve of Edith Paine + Ted Solomon being our Representatives.

We welcome the visitors who have been with us for one or more sessions: George and Cynthia Bliss from Cambridge Meeting, Herman and Betty Patt from West Brookfield, John + Abby Spencer from Drexel Hills Pa., Sarah Gattis from Uxbridge, Carleton Jones + Pearl Skinner, George and Odessa Willey, Grace Atkins, Annie Dernier and Marjorie Williams from Lynn Susan Paine from Bolton, Mildred Morse from Hanover N.H., Bessie Estes from Harrisville, Margaret Irvine, Worcester, also Joseph Warleigh, Minnie Bogle - Fall River, Frances, Richard, Richard Jr. Gove from Lynn Caleb Smith, Ruth White - Providence, Doris Brown - Lincoln, Va. Miss Adams - Uxbridge

We appreciate the hospitality of Mr. + Mrs. Arthur Small who so graciously invite us to use their spacious grounds for picnic lunch, providing hot and cold beverages and dainty cakes + cookies. The clerk is requested to write our thanks.

Mrs. Small asks for suggestions or criticisms of their use of Meeting House. Willard Ware, the Clerk of Worcester Meeting, the Meeting which has jurisdiction of Uxbridge Meeting House felt that no change was necessary in proceedings.

Annie Dernier from Lynn expressed the pleasure of the Lynn group in being able

to attend this Quarterly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10-21-56 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 21, 1956.

The Representatives to this Meeting are:
Bolton - Marjorie Babcock, Edith Paine, Susan L. Dow Ruth N. Dow.
Worcester - Clayton Brown Jr., Caroline Towle, Willard Ware, Edith Ware, Donald Bates, Leota Wadleigh.
Woonsocket - Bessie F. Ewen, Robert Mowry, Richard McNamara, Eunice Strobel, Lauriston Smith, Nellie M. Fisher, Russel Ross. All but two are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Representatives to this Meeting are asked to bring in the names of Clerks at our next Meeting to serve for the ensuing year.

The Committee appointed to bring in name of Young Friend to serve as Quarterly Meeting Representative bring in the name of Nancy Johnson of Worcester, with which we unite.

Edith Ware, Christian Education chairman reports 28 registered in Sunday School, Rally Day observed October 1st.
Woonsocket has an enrolment of 32, largest number in Primary Department. An outdoor cook out opened the season.

Because no Quarterly Meeting session is held in January, it is necessary to appoint a Nominating Committee to bring in the names of Officers and Representatives to Yearly Meeting. Lester R. Tabor, Ruth N. Dow, Letitia Jones, Ted Solomon, Edith Paine, Nellie Fisher.

10-21-56 We welcome Paul and Laura Husted among us. Paul serving as pastor in Woonsocket Meeting.

We are also happy to have Milton & Freda Hadley, Milton N.E. Field Secretary, Frances & Bill Taber, Helen Burgess from Providence, Helen Fletcher a missionary on leave from Africa, Grace Aikens from Lynn, Gerald Smith.

Missionary Superintendent reports missionary subjects presented and discussed in the Sun. Schools.

Russel Ross, treasurer reports an Offering of $36.51 today. On hand $87.98. Bills yet to be paid.

Freda Hadley, just returned from a Women's Conference in Wilmington, Ohio spoke of the enthusiasm, good speakers, the Men's Meeting, the banquet for people. Elsie Ferris, a lawyer gave a dynamic speech or lecture principally on Stewardship. Next year the Conference will be in High Point, N.C.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester, Mass. in April.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

4-7-'57 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester, Mass. Fourth Month 7th, 1957.

The reports from the various meetings list the Representatives as follows:
From Bolton - Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow, Edith Paine All are present.
From Woonsocket - Paul Husted, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Ruth and Lauriston Smith, Marion and Russel Ross, Walter Symes, Joseph C. Estes - 4 are present
From Worcester - Caroline Towle, Ruth Swenson, Emily Strauss, Donald Gates, Letitia Jones, Arthur Johnson. All but one are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

Finance Committee	For one year	Clayton Brown
	For two years	Paul Husted
Nominating Committee -	For one year	Melita B Fisher
	For two years	Edith Ware
Supt. of Missions -		Letitia Jones
Supt. Ch. Christian Education		Ruth Smith

Representatives to Yearly Meeting: Clayton Brown, Edith Ware, Willard Ware, Melita Fisher, Ruth Smith, Leota Wadleigh, Susan L. Dow, Nancy Johnson, Paul Husted
Alternates - Betty Jones, Doris Mowry.

Junior Representatives - Douglas Brown, Eleanor Smith, Paul Husted, Jr. Forrester McDonald
Young Friends Representatives: Gregory Harrison, Carolyn Smith.
Alternates - Dorothy Husted Jeffry Brown

Arrangement Committee - Marjorie Babcock, Ruth N. Dow, Paul Husted, Laura Husted, Ted Solomon, Betty Jones, Willard Ware, Emily Strauss.

4-7-'57 Vacancies at Yearly Meeting may be replaced by those in attendance.

As there has been some confusion this year about the date of Quarterly Meeting because of Easter occuring the Third Sunday and Palm Sunday the Second Sunday it is recommended by the Nominating Committee that Quarterly Meetings be held on the third Sunday of the month, except when Palm Sunday or Easter falls on that date, then Quarterly Meeting would be held on the first Sunday of April.

The reports from Worcester & Woonsocket on the Spiritual Condition of our meetings are ready a summary of which will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting Clerk.

The Statistical Reports from Woonsocket and Worcester are read. These will be summarized and sent to Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Susan L. Dow gave a verbal report of Bolton Mtg.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

Edith Ware for Christian Education Committee reported on the activities of Worcester Sunday School. While their enrolment is small their attendance averages 95%. Special days have been observed, money given for Indian work, needy families & mission work. The adult class has an average attendance of eight. The Junior Choir is preparing a special Easter number.

Lloyd C. Arnold reporting for Woonsocket S. S. expressed appreciation for the teachers who have built up the Primary Department. Special projects such as Buffalo nickels, a mitten and sock tree with observance of Christmas, Children's Day were commemorated. Slides on Indian Missions were shown.

The Supt. of Missions, Letitia Jones reported that meetings were held, that some of their members were reading the Missionary books.

The 2. Meeting Treas. Russel J. Ross reported $ 29.68 as our Offering for the day.

4-7-'57 We approve of donating sixty dollars ($60) to the Equalization Fund to be used for Young Friends expenses at Yearly Meeting.

Milton Hadley informed us of two Young Friends Seminars to be held in N.Y. and three in Washington D.C.

We appreciate the presence of these visitors and their contribution to the meeting. Herbert Huffman, Ardyth Huffman, John and Mary Huffman, Milton & Ireda Hadley, Ruth and Gerald Smith, Alice Gifford, Perlina Fisher, Bessie Estes.

Willard Ware gives us a preliminary notice of a conference to be held July 20-27 at Pembroke, N.H. Henry Cadbury will conduct afternoon meetings.

Milton Hadley, Clerk of ~~for~~ N.E. Yearly Meeting gives us the dates of Yearly Meeting as June 19 to the 23rd with Meeting of Ministry and Counsel the afternoon preceding. The 150th birthday of John Greenleaf Whittier will be observed. Pamphlets on 5 years Meeting, Reprints of the article in Readers' Digest concerning Friends in Kenya and one entitled Where Our Dollars Go are available on request.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in So. Uxbridge, Mass. in July.

Melita B Fisher, clerk.

* A report from Violet Small (Mrs. Arthur) on activities at So. Uxbridge informs us of a holly tree which has been planted as a memorial to Frances Wheeler, that a permanent fund for the upkeep of the meeting has been established. We are asked to have charge of the first meeting in May and one in October.

7-21-'57 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at So. Uxbridge Mass. Seventh Month 21, 1957.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Representatives to this Meeting are:
Bolton Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow both are present

Woonsocket - Ruth + Lauriston Smith, Richard McNamara, Kenneth Smith, Eunice + Kenneth Strobel, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Grace M. Namara, Lester Taber, Marion + Russel Ross, Bessie Ewen, Nellie Fisher. All but one are present.
Worcester - Donald and Ruth Gates, Emily Strauss Nancy Johnson, Clayton Brown, Alfred and Sarah Anderson. All but one are present.

The report of the Treasurer gives our offering for today as $30.34 making a balance of $111.

The letter from Yearly Meeting Finance Committee has been read informing us of the proposed budget for '57 & '58 $21,675.

The figures are read and time given for their consideration.

A letter from Carleton Cates, Young Friends Clerk writes us of two concerns; one - financial help in sending a Young Friend on the Jamaica Caravan, a project of good will. 2nd - We are urged to choose our Yearly Meeting Young Friends Representative carefully, one who participates in worship, work + play in his or her local, Quarterly and Yearly Meeting having a vital interest. Milton Hadley tells us that Margaret Wentworth is the Representative for the Jamaica Caravan + that money is needed. We approve of sending twenty-five ($25) toward the expenses

Previous to Yearly Meeting a letter was received from Grace P. Atkins, Sec. of Yearly Meeting Advisory Committee asking a contribution from Local

7-21-57 Quarterly Meeting toward a projector and a tape recording machine. The projector has been paid for but funds are needed for the tape recorder, as reported since Yearly Meeting. Any help we give will be appreciated. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) toward the deficit.

Worcester & Woonsocket reported Children's Day programmes being held in June, closing the Sunday Schools for the summer.

Thomas Bodine, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Committee for consideration of affiliating with Friends General Conference has presented the matter to this Meeting, to be studied further in our local meetings, a report to be given at our next Quarterly Meeting. Hartford & Cambridge Meetings are already affiliated. (By) Many kinds of Friends constitute the General Conference, as well as the Five Years Meeting. In both groups Friends have learned to live together. The uniting of the two groups would be a symbol of unity. Next Meeting of Gen. Conference is in 1958.

While we regret that this is the last Quarterly Meeting here that Milton Hadley will attend as N.E. Field Secretary, we wish him success in his new position, hoping that he will return to reside in N.E. at a future date. Both he and Freda Hadley will be missed.

We welcome Ruth and Edward White from the Providence Meeting, Louis J. Masstaller our future Field Secretary from Durham Mtg., Thomas Bodine from Hartford Meeting, Petina Fisher, Arthur and Violet Small.

We wish to extend our deep appreciation to Arthur & Violet Small for their generous hospitality to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting during this year & past years. A rising vote of thanks was given.

Arthur Small tells us the problems of the Quaker Nursing Home in connection with its 100 — 150 members & its out pro-

7-21-57 lems are people + money. He gave us an interesting account of the progress in repairing, restoring + financing this building since 1952. To those interested in restoring old Meeting Houses and to all Friends it has been a joy to see the development. Most of the credit for this project is due to the work and enthusiasm of Arthur + Violet Small.

Milton Hadley announces the tercentary celebration of Sandwich Meeting on October 12

The Cambridge Meeting with the help of George Selleck has been a clearing house for many immigrants. He has been requested to find a sponsor for a dentist from Austrica.

Milton Hadley suggests that the local meetings carry out a Whittier program on December 15 the nearest date of Whittiers one hundred fiftieth anniversay, Dec. 17.

Louis J. Marstaller announces the coming of Levinus Painter to New England, for two weeks in October.

Clayton Brown, Ch. of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee solicit help from men + women in helping George J. Bliss get their new school in West Rindge, N. H. in readiness for the opening in September.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet in Woonsocket, R.I. the third Sunday in October.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

Preceding the Business Meeting, Louis J. Marstaller, Ruth White and Thomas Bodine gave us interesting information + insight into the workings of Five Years Meeting. The Mission Fields in Africa and Ramallah need more teachers dedicated to the work of Missions. Africa especially presents a challenge to Friends.

10-20-57 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 20, 1957.

The Representatives to this Meeting are:
Bolton - Edith Paine, Susan L. Dow, Ruth N. Dow; All are present.
Worcester - Ann and Edwin Cleveland, Ella Dearman, Alfred and Sara Anderson, Eleanor Shkour, Clayton Brown All are present.
Woonsocket - Russel and Marion Ross, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester and Louise Taber, Ruth Smith, Laura Follett, Richard McNamara. 5 are present

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

Woonsocket and Worcester are happy to welcome new pastors, George Jones in Woonsocket, Thomas Fisher in Worcester. We hope they will feel free to participate in the Meeting. George Jones Jr. is a recorded minister having been recorded in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.
The Representatives to this Meeting are asked to bring in the names of Clerks at our next Meeting, to serve for the ensuing year.

The Queries are read for our consideration.

Because no Quarterly Meeting Session is held until April it is necessary to appoint a Nominating Committee to bring in the names of Officers and Representatives to Yearly Meeting. Vacancies at Yearly Meeting may be filled by those in attendance. Announcement of a meeting of Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee on November 2 at Cambridge was instituted the appointment of a member for 2 yrs. with Edith Paine whose term expires in 1958. Melita B. Fisher was appointed to that office.

As there has been some dissatisfaction in Smithfield Monthly Meeting regarding the time of holding Quarterly Meeting, the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel would recommend that the consideration of the matter be taken up in each Monthly Meeting and the findings reported to

10-20-57 the Nominating Committee.

Unfortunately the Arrangement Committee was much depleted this last year as Paul and Laura Hasted, Ted Solomon moved, Marjorie Babcock was unable to serve, Willard Hare in Hospital, Ruth M. Dow out of town. It will be necessary for this Committee to be revised before our next Meeting.

The Nominating Committee nominates the Arrangement Committee for this Quarterly Meeting as well as the Officers and Representatives for Yearly Meeting. The following Nominating Committee is appointed Clayton Brown, Russel Ross, Eunice Strobel, Betty Jones, Edith Paine, Edith Hare.

A letter from Helen Burgess, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee asks the Quarterly Meeting to pay transportation of any members who may attend a week-end conference at Woolman Hill this winter (date to be announced) for First Day School Teachers and Workers. We approve of paying for transportation.

A letter has been read from the A.F.S.C. giving a list of doors that have been unlocked this year - namely - increased international understanding, new hope for a displaced person, new experience in voluntary service, etc. with the hope of new doors being opened.

Marion Kilsey from Amesbury, Mass. reminded us of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Whittiers birth Dec. 15. Material prepared by Milton Hadley for the occasion was distributed by her.

The Treasurer reported today's Offering as $27.85

The Report of the Stephen Aldrich Fund, audited by Walter B. Jones and Helen F. Walker shows a balance of $345.24

The matter of affiliating with Friends General Conference presented by Thomas Bodine at our last

10-20-57 Quarterly Meeting has been mentioned at Smithfield Monthly Meeting but further consideration needs to be given the matter before we are ready to report. Worcester feels as we do. The clerk of this Meeting is asked to remind Monthly Meetings to discuss this subject.

Louis Marstaller spoke of the Conference on Ministerial Training to be held in Germantown, Ohio, Nov. 22-24 Many Meetings in N.E. looking for ministers. In the 5 Years Meeting 180 full time pastors and 200 part time

We need to examine this confusion & work toward its elimination. Many aspects of pastoral leadership will be the subject of the Conference Pastors, teachers, keyworkers, laymen are all urged to attend It is suggested that the Monthly Meetings give it consideration.

Louis Marstaller told us that the time of Levinus Painter was spent mostly in Southern N.E. He hopes he will be back next year

Queries in pamphlet form are available on request from Susan L. Dow

Representatives to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings do not always report to their Monthly Meetings on concerns brought up & the business carried on. Louis Marstaller thinks this is the function of Representatives & who should be encouraged to do this.

Elizabeth V Roberts, a member and faithful attender of this Meeting, now residing in Union, N.H., Willard and Edith Ware, Leotta and Joseph Wadleigh in whose families is sickness are sent loving greetings from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. We miss their presence

We appreciate the services of George Bliss and Louis Marstaller in our Quarterly Meeting, also the presence of Marion Kelsey from Amesbury Meeting, Bessie Estes and Perlina Fisher.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in Worcester in Fourth Month 1958.

Nelita B. Fisher, clerk.

4-27-'58 At Smithfield Quarterly Meting of Friends held at Worcester, Mass. Fourth Month 27, 1958.

The Representatives from the various meetings are:
Bolton - Susan L. Dow, Ruth N. Dow, Edith Paine, Marjorie Babcock. All are present.
Woonsocket - Louise Taber, Kenneth Strobel, Letitia Taber, Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen, Lauriston Smith, Eunice Strobel, Joseph C. Estes. All are present.
Worcester - Donald Gates, Caroline Towle, Ethel Ringler, Sarah Anderson, Alfred Anderson, Andrew Pearson, Arthur Johnson. 3 are present

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Nominating Committee is as follows. Vacancies at Yearly Meting may be replaced by those in attendance.
Finance Committee Donald Gates 1 yr.
Clayton Brown 2 years
Nominating Committee - Edith Ware 1 year
Ruth N. Dow 2 years

Supt. of Missions - Letitia Jones
Supt. of Christian Education - Ruth Smith

Representatives - Willard Ware, Edith Ware, George Jones, Jr., Thomas Fisher, Susan L. Dow, Ruth N. Dow, Leota Wadleigh, Clayton Brown, Ruth Swenson, Marjorie Babcock, Shirley Weagle.

Junior Representatives - Robert Swenson, Carol Fisher, Rudolph Raven

Young Friends Representatives - Carolyn Smith, Douglas Brown, Richard Weagle. Alternate - Donald Ross

Quarterly Meeting Arrangement Committee - Floyd Arnold, Elizabeth Jones, Russell Ross, Marion Ross, Thomas Fisher, Leota Wadleigh, George Jones, Jr.

4-27-'58 The Nominating Committee for the ensuing year - Eunice Strobel, Lester R. Taber, Letitia Jones, Willard Ware, Edith Paine.

The Representatives at October Meeting appointed to bring in names of Clerks to serve for the ensuing year present the name of Clayton Brown as clerk, Eunice Strobel as assistant clerk. These appointments are approved by the Meeting.

Reports of the Spiritual Condition of Worcester and Woonsocket are read, a summary of which will be forwarded to Clerk of Yearly Meeting. The clerk of Bolton Federated Church reports that individuals still carry on in Friendly tradition.

The Statistical Reports from Bolton, Worcester & Woonsocket are read, a summary to be sent the Yearly Meeting Clerk.

The Queries are read with time given for their consideration.

In the absence of the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer, Nellie M. Fisher gave the treasurer's report. The offering today was $33.15.

A letter of thanks from Leighton Price, Treas. Young Friends for help on Jamaica caravan expense has been read.

Edith Ware, Supt. of Worcester Bible School reports 4 meetings held monthly of Christian Education Committee trying to solve unsolvable problems as yet. They have an average attendance of 15 at S.S., collections are good, have contributed ($15) fifteen dollars to Missions, $18 to Indian affairs Committee, $6.50 to Community chest. A Rally Day program, Mitten tree with more than 25 pairs, & a Christmas party were projects of the year.

Lester Taber reporting for Woonsocket gave average attendance as 24 with 5 on cradle roll, 8 on Home Dept. list. A mitten tree with 29 pairs, a Christmas party with offering sent to A.F.S.C., collection of $5 for Indian Affairs Committee were projects. 2 of the teachers attended a conference at Woolman Hill. A Jr. Young Friends group meets regularly

4-27-58 once a week. A Senior Young People's group has had three meetings with plans ahead.

A letter from Anne C. Gifford, chairman of Board of Managers of Beacon Hill Friends House requests each Quarterly Meeting to name four Friends to serve as members of Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation - two to serve for 1 year, two for 2 years. These four shall annually designate one of their number to serve on Board of Managers. The one chosen to serve on Board of Managers should be able to attend approximately one (monthly) meeting a month in Boston or appoint an alternate. Edith Paine served on the committee as an original incorporator and a member of Board of Managers.
Edith Paine is appointed to serve for 1 yr.
(Th) George Jones, Jr. " " " 1 yr.
Thomas Fisher " " " 2 yrs.
Clayton Brown " " " 2 "
The Clerk is to inform Anne C. Gifford of these appointments.

Harold Myers gave us further information concerning Beacon Hill House located near the State House in Boston. It was a house in poor repair, consisting of twenty rooms with an endowment of $100,000, given to Friends as a residential center for students in the Boston area. Meetings for worship under Cambridge Monthly Meeting are held there. This will tend to produce leaders in Friends circles throughout N. England by training in Friendly procedures and thought. It will serve as an outreach center.

In Tenth Month it was decided to give further consideration to affiliating with Friends General Conference. Woonsocket has considered the matter but as the members were not united, no action was taken. At least, one member regrets that no positive action was taken.

Note: It has discussed the matter without a final decision. The financial responsibility is troublesome to both meetings.

Willard Hare in talking with Thomas Bodine mentioned $250 as a probable figure per year for Yearly Meeting. The Meeting this year at Cape May June 23-30. This would not be a merger but an affiliation creating

4-27-'58 a bridge between two groups of Friends At this time we have no decision to give Yearly Meeting.

Letitia Jones, Supt. of Missions reports that books from the Mosher Fund have been circulated She asks that reading reports be sent her by June 1st.

At this time we usually donate to the Equalization Fund Committee of Yearly Meeting to help defray expenses of Young Friends and others at Yearly Meeting. $60 was approved as a gift to the Fund.

Louis Masstellar, Field Secretary spoke of the need of funds for China Camp. The cost for individual campers is kept as low as possible so contributions are needed. We approve of appropriating twenty-five dollars for this project.

Louis Masstellar in referring to difficulty in securing Sunday School teachers suggested that help might be obtained from the Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee.

At the Meeting of Ministry and Council held previous to this meeting, it was recommended that the time of Quarterly Meeting be changed from Sunday to Saturday to make it possible to avoid closing regular meetings of Worship on Quarterly Meeting Sunday.

After some discussion the Meeting approved the suggested change for one year. The time of Meetings to be determined by the Arrangement Committee.

This meeting accepted the invitation of Bolton Friends to have Quarterly Meeting at the Bolton Meeting House in Stubbridge, Mass. the third Saturday in July. This is to be a picnic lunch meeting. The Arrangement Committee are requested to arrange the time of meetings early, notifying Marjorie Babcock, Clerk of Bolton Meeting so that details can be arranged with Stubbridge authorities.

Greetings from this Meeting are sent to Hattie Taft, whose birthday is May 1st and to Elizabeth Roberts who is ill.

4-27-'58 Joseph C Estes told us that in his boyhood, some of the speakers at Quarterly Meetings would visit the Monthly or First Day Meetings giving reports of Quarterly Meetings to those at home unable to attend.

We welcome to this Meeting, Louis Marstellar, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, Harold & Mary Myers from Providence Meeting, Bessie Estes and Perlina Fisher.

No further business appearing we conclude proposing to meet in Sturbridge, Mass. the third Saturday in July.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

7-19-58 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at the old Bolton Meeting House in Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass., Seventh Month 19, 1958 -

The representatives to this Meeting are:
Bolton - Margaret Ware, Ruth Campbell, Edith Paine, Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow, Everett A. Paine, Marjorie J. Babcock. All are present.
Woonsocket - Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Lloyd Arnold, Louise Taber, Lester Taber, Eunice Strobel, Kenneth Strobel, Bessie Ewen, George Jones, Jr. Seven are present.
Worcester - Edith Leavitt, Frank DuMouchel, Willian Bishop, Anne Bishop, Ervin Cleveland, Ann Cleveland, Leota Waddleigh. Four are present.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and, after some changes, approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Melita Fisher in the absence of Russell Ross. It shows a balance of $29.98 previous to today's collection.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

We welcome Louis Marstaller, Field Secretary - Durham Meeting; Grace Atkins - Lynn Meeting; James Toothaker - Lawrence Meeting; Arthur and Violet Small of North Uxbridge and Herman Patt of North Brookfield.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting reported on some of its activities and discussions. The Yearly Meeting postponed taking steps to affiliate with the Friends General Conference. The Yearly Meeting Finance Committee requests each Meeting to increase its contributions by 9%.

Willard Ware spoke on his report on Friends Schools and the responsibility of Friends to know their schools better.

Ruth Dow and Louis Marstaller spoke

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on some of the problems of the Huntington Home.

Thomas Fisher gave a report on the Stephen Aldrich Fund for its treasurer, Arthur Wheeler. The fund shows a balance of $4,105.54. A concern was expressed that this fund be investigated with a view towards using the interest for purposes other than the relief of needy Friends. The Clerk was instructed to bring to the next Quarterly Meeting information about the setting up of the fund and the withdrawals over the past few years.

We send our greetings and best wishes to Elizabeth Roberts and Hattie Taft.

The Meeting thanks the Committee on Arrangements for arranging such an enjoyable day and Thomas Fisher for the programs.

We approve sending a letter of appreciation to the management of Sturbridge Village for its cooperation in planning for this meeting.

Louis Marstaller spoke of the opportunity this Quarterly Meeting has to spread information about the Society through pamphlets which could be made available to visitors to this Meeting House. We approve asking the Bolton Friends to investigate this matter and report to the next Quarterly Meeting.

No further business on hand, we adjourn purposing to meet again in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, tenth month, 18, 1958.

Clayton T. Dorr, Clerk

10-18-58 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Tenth Month 18, 1958, by advices received from our monthly meetings, the following named Friends are representatives to this meeting:

From Bolton: Susan L. Slow, Ruth N. Slow, Edith A. Paine. All are present.

From Woonsocket: Lloyd Arnold, Russell Ross, Mae Todd, Wilma Smith, Leslie Follett, Lester Taber, Kenneth Strobel. Five are present.

From Worcester: Gregory Mac Donald, Eleanor Shakour, Donald Gates, Arthur Johnson, Anna Johnson, Jeffrey Brown, Astrid Kroll. Two are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting are read and approved.

The representatives to this meeting are to bring forward to the next meeting names of Friends to act as Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this meeting.

A Nominating Committee composed of Ruth Slow, Elizabeth Jones, Melita Fisher, Donald Gates and Lester Taber is appointed to bring forward to our next meeting names of Friends to serve on the various Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting committees.

The Queries are read and time allowed for their consideration.

It was approved to postpone discussion of the Stephen Aldrich Fund until the next meeting.

The Treasurer's report is read and approved.

Thomas Bodine from Hartford Monthly Meeting spoke on the meeting of the Friends

10-18-58 World Committee at Bad Pyrmont in Germany and of its good work.

The meeting is turned over to Willard Ware who presents Leo Cole from Moses Brown School and Dorothy Gifford, Joyce Toothaker, and Ellen Behrendt from Lincoln School. We are given an insight into the procedures, problems and purposes of the schools. We are also invited to cooperate in any way possible with them, to visit them and to really make them our schools.

We welcome Thomas Bodine Hartford Meeting; Harold and Mary Myers and Thyra Jane Foster - Providence Meeting; Dorothy Gifford, and Ellen Behrendt - Lincoln School; Joyce Toothaker - Lincoln School and Lawrence Meeting; Leo Cole - Moses Brown School.

Our business being accomplished, we adjourn, purposing to meet in Worcester, Massachusetts, fourth month, 18 next.

Clayton F Brown, Clerk

4-18-59 At the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester, Massachusetts, Fourth Month 18, 1959.

The Representatives from the various meetings are;

Bolton: Ruth N. Dow, Susan L. Dow. All are present.

Smithfield: Russel Ross, Lester R. Taber, Marion Ross, Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Kenneth Smith, Doris P. Mowry, Melita B. Fisher. Five are present.

Worcester: Lelia Pearson, Andrew Pearson, Arthur Johnson, Edith Leavitt, Nancy Johnson, Lista Wadleigh, Donald Gates. Four are present.

The assistant clerk, Eunice Strobel, being indisposed, the meeting appoints Nancy Johnson as assistant clerk for the day.

The minutes of the previous meeting are read and approved.

The report of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

Representatives to Yearly Meeting: Clayton Drown, Nellie Fisher, Willard Ware, Edith Ware, Ruth Dow, Thomas Fisher, George Jones, Jr., Nancy Johnson, Melita Fisher.

Young Friends Representatives: Carolyn Smith, Douglas Drown, Astrid Kroll. Alternate: Richard Wisagle.

Junior Representatives: Susan Chin, Radmila Frensic, Douglas Haddad.

Yearly Meeting Finance Committee:

Clayton Drown - 1 year
Nellie Fisher - 2 years

Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee:

Melita Fisher - 1 year
Ruth Dow - 2 years

Quarterly Mtg. Supt. of Missions: Emily Strauss

Quarterly Mtg. Supt. of Christian Education: Edith Ware

4-18-59 The nominations are all approved.

The ~~Repres~~ Representatives to Yearly Meeting are given permission to fill vacancies on Yearly Meeting committees whenever such vacancies occur during Yearly Meeting sessions.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting appointed to bring in the names of Clerks to serve for the ensuing year present the names of Clayton Brown as Clerk and Eunice Strobel as Assistant Clerk. These appointments are approved by the meeting.

The reports of the Spiritual Condition of the Monthly Meetings are read. The Clerk is instructed to prepare a summary of these to be submitted to the Yearly Meeting and to furnish a copy to each Monthly Meeting. The meeting agreed that, in the future, the reports of the Spiritual Condition be submitted to the Clerk early enough to allow him to prepare a summary for approval at the Quarterly Meeting prior to Yearly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting Statistical Reports are read. A summary will be sent to the Yearly Meeting Clerk.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

A letter from Arthur Wheeler is read in which he submits his resignation as Trustee of the Stephen Aldrich Fund due to his having moved to Florida. The meeting names Arthur Johnson to fill this position.

The meeting approves making a contribution of $60 to the Yearly Meeting

4-18-59 Equalization Fund and one of $25. to the Friends China Camp.

An offering was taken which amounts to $ 36. 50.

Russel Brooks spoke on two conferences soon to be held at Woolman Hill - one on Religion and Mental Health, the other on Perspectives of Life.

Willard Ware announced a three week Work Camp to be held in July at The Meeting School, West Ridge, New Hampshire.

Clarabel Marstaller spoke to us on a series of work weekends to be held in May at China Camp, of the work which needs to be done, and the tools and supplies they need to acquire. She also spoke on some of the highlights of the Yearly Meeting, a preliminary announcement of which should be forthcoming in a few days with the latest edition of the New England Friend.

Susan Dow invites us to hold our next Quarterly Meeting at the Bolton Meetinghouse in Sturbridge Village.

We welcome to our meeting Clarabel Marstaller representing Louis Marstaller who is absent due to illness, Russel Brooks, Flora Jones, bride of George Jones, Jr., and Perlina Fisher. We appreciate their presence and their contributions to the spirit of the meeting.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet in Bolton Meeting House, Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass. Seventh Month next.

Ruth Dow Clerk

7-18-59 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is in session Seventh Month 18, 1959 at Bolton Meetinghouse in Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth L. Jones is appointed recording clerk for the day.

The minutes are read and approved.

All representatives from the three Monthly Meetings are present.

Edith Paine and Ruth Dow are approved as members of the corporation of the Beacon Hill Friends House and Thomas Fisher is appointed our representative to serve on the Board of Managers.

Louis Marstaller, our Field Secretary, announces that there are spaces for college boys available at the Beacon Hill Friends House.

Several reports were given of Yearly Meeting activities, as follows:

① a new Quarterly Meeting has been formed in northern New Hampshire and Vermont called the Northwest Quarterly Meeting

② our New England Yearly Meeting approved affiliating with the Friends General Conference; a very mild statement indeed when we know all the love, patience and understanding that was behind this momentous decision.

③ there were 100 more present in 1959 than in 1958.

④ a larger, more realistic, budget was approved and the assessment per member was increased from fifty cents to one dollar by the Five Years Meeting.

Edward Manice, our friend from New Haven, shows us a map of New England

7-18-59 showing the location of all monthly meetings. He also informs us of the date of the Northwest Quarterly Meeting - 10th month 3rd in Woodstock, Vermont and Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting 10th month 4th in the same place.

Louis Marstaller tells us of another Quarterly Meeting - Sandwich Quarterly Meeting - to be held in East Sandwich 8th month 2d, 1959 at 2:30 P.M. Moses Bailey, Earl Wilson and Herbert Huffman are to be invited guests. All are invited.

Marjorie Babcock reports for the committee appointed to arrange for some form of publicity material to put into the Sturbridge Village Meeting-house. She asks for assistance in this project and Elizabeth L. Jones and Margaret Ware are appointed and approved to serve.

Edward Manice, newly appointed Recorder of Yearly Meeting, asks for cooperation in securing correct membership rolls from local monthly meetings.

The following visitors are welcomed:
Elizabeth Knowlton
Alison Davis, Storrs, Conn.
Louisa White, Providence
Grace Atkins, Lynn
James & Verna Toothaker, Lawrence
Louis & Clarabel Marstaller, Durham
Francis Wholey

Our business being finished we
close, purposing to meet in Uxbridge, Mass
Tenth Month 4th

Elizabeth L. Jones, Clerk

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At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Tenth Month 18, 1959, by advice received from our Monthly Meetings the following named are representatives to this Meeting:

From Bolton: Susan L. Low. Present

From Smithfield: Lester Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Lauriston Smith, Eunice Strobel, Kenneth Strobel, Wilma Smith. All but one are present.

From Worcester: William Bishop, Ann Bishop, Frank DuMouchel, Edna DuMouchel, Walter Jones, Letitia Jones, Edith Ware. All but two are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting are read and approved.

The Queries are read and time allowed for their consideration.

A Nominating Committee composed of Willard Ware, Lloyd Arnold, Ruth Low, Edith Paine, Melita Fisher, and Letitia Jones is appointed to bring forward to our next meeting names of Friends to serve as Quarterly Meeting Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, and on the various Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Committees.

The Treasurer's report is read and approved and a collection is taken to defray the expenses of this Meeting.

Russell Johnson, Peace Secretary of the AFSC, gave us a very enlightening and informative talk about his trip to Europe where he served as a director of an international seminar held in Krakow, Poland. He states that Poland is one of the few bridges between East and West; that the people are very anxious to meet visitors from the West, like himself; that, although there has been little post-war reconstruction work in some of the villages, there is a mood of expectation among the people; that an attempt

10-18-59 for a full discussion on non-violence was not very successful but that colonialism was the main topic of contention.

Russell Brooks spoke to us about Woolman Hill. He pointed out that a report on its activities to be issued shortly will show a considerable increase in attendance and a greater use of funds and equipment.

Willard Ware spoke about Moses Brown and Lincoln schools. An orientation course on Friends principles presented to the faculty, trustees and others interested was attended by 150 to 175 people. The Moses Brown students who stay at the school over the week-end will attend a Friends Meeting. Both schools used about $20,000 for scholarships last year and hope to be able to double that amount. The annual giving campaigns are to start shortly.

Susan Low spoke of African Missions. She quoted from the book "Africa Disturbed" which has advertised in the American Friend and which she encourages us all to read.

During the evening meeting Douglas Brown showed pictures and talked to us about his experiences at the Young Friends Workcamp in Oriente Province, Cuba.

We welcome to this meeting Russell Brooks, Russell Johnson, Maud Fisher, and Harold and Mary Myers.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester, Mass. Fourth Month, 1960.

4-23-60 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Worcester, Massachusetts, Fourth Month 23, 1960 by advice received from our Monthly Meetings the following named are representatives to this meeting:

From Bolton: Edith Paine, Agnes Harrison. All are present.

From Smithfield: Kenneth and Eunice Strobel, Jane Cook, Russel and Marion Ross, Bessie Esden. All are present

From Worcester: Walter and Letitia Jones, Edith Leavitt, Nancy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Edith Ware, Willard Ware, Frand and Edna McMinchel, Arthur and Anna Johnson, Eleanor Shakour. All but two are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting are read and approved.

The Queries are read and a short period allowed for their consideration.

The reports of the spiritual condition of Smithfield and Worcester Meetings are read.

The Statistical Report, showing a net decrease of 6 in the Quarter, was read.

The Treasurer's Report is read and approved. A collection is taken to defray expenses.

The report of the Treasurer of the Stephen Aldrich Fund is read and approved. It was pointed out that this fund is very infrequently drawn upon and Willard Ware was asked to look into the legal aspects of using this money for some other purpose such as camp and educational scholarships.

Detailed oral reports were given on Sunday School activities in Smithfield and Worcester.

4-23-60 A letter from John H. Cann, New England Representative for National Quaker Men, was read in which he reminded us of the minute of the 1959 New England Yearly Meeting which read as follows: "Each Quarterly Meeting is invited to appoint a liaison representative for Quaker Men in New England". James A. Weagle of the Worcester Meeting was appointed to this position. John Cann also described the National Quaker Men's project of assisting Ellis and Sue Adams in their work at the Friends' African Mission, Kaimosi, Kenya Colony. To provide this assistance each Quarterly Meeting in New England is being asked to contribute an amount of $44.44. After some discussion, it was agreed that this matter be referred to the Monthly Meetings. It was felt that the Equalization Fund and the China Camp Fund should have priority on the use of the small balance in our treasury.

Elizabeth Jones, Chairman of the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee, announces that that committee is giving four scholarships this year - two for attendance at Room Institute and two for High School Institutes.

It was approved to make contributions of $60. to the Equalization Fund and $25. to the China Camp Fund.

Willard Ware gave a very interesting talk on Friends' Missions in Africa and the responsibility which is being given to Friends to supervise the schools in Kenya. He pointed out that Friends Mission Schools prepare the students to live as well as teach them to read and write; and that the effect of Friends' teaching was felt responsible for the fact that there had been no Mau-Mau uprisings in the area under Friends' influence.

4-23-60 The nominating committee report is as follows:

Clerk: Clayton Brown
Assistant Clerk: Eunice Strobel
Treasurer: Russel Ross

Representatives for Yearly Meeting: Robert Cool, Ruth Low, Melita Fisher, Thomas Fisher, Doris Mowry, Edith Ware, Willard Ware.

Young Friends Representatives: Klaus Beyer, Priscilla Hallett, Astrid Kroll, Nancy Johnson, Eleanor Smith.

Junior Representatives: Susan Clun, Elisabeth Frencic, Radmilla Frencic, Douglas Haddad, Susan Haddad.

Yearly Meeting Finance Committee: Clayton Brown, Nellie Fisher.

Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee: Melita Fisher, Ruth Low (Edith Ware to serve if Ruth Low not able.)

The Representatives to Yearly Meeting are given permission to fill vacancies on Yearly Meeting Committees whenever such vacancies occur at Yearly Meeting sessions.

At the close of the business meeting, E. Brooke Anderson from Brown University spoke on Refugee Year stressing in particular the plight of the Arab refugees from Palestine.

We welcomed as visitors E. Brooke Anderson, Patricia Naeye and Herbert Huffman.

After the evening meal a very informative and thought-provoking talk on prison reform was given by Patricia Naeye

4-23-60 of the Burlington, Vermont meeting speaking as a representative of the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns committee.

Our business being concluded, we adjourn, purposing to meet 7th Month, 1960.

Clayton T. Brown, Clerk.

7-30-60 The Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends convened in its summer session, Seventh Month 30, 1960 at the South Uxbridge Meeting House of worship and adjourned for the business meeting at the home of Arthur and Violet Small in Mendon Mass.

The representatives to this meeting are:
Bolton: Susan Stow Ruth Stow, Margaret Ware and Edith Paine.
Smithfield: Priscilla Follett, Eleanor South, Shirley Worrall, Kenneth Strobel, Lauriston Smith, Eleanor Mowry and Bessie Evens.
Worcester: William Bishop, Ann Bishop, Andrew Pearson, Willard Ware, Edith Ware and Astrid Krall.
All but four are present.

The minutes of our last meeting are read and approved.

Representatives from Smithfield report that their meeting has contributed $25 to the Quaker Men in response to the plea presented at our previous meeting.

The report of the Treasurer was read. He reports a balance on hand of $7.99.

There was a discussion on whether the Quarterly Meeting should have a budget as the Yearly and Monthly Meetings have. It was agreed not to do this. It has been our practice to take up a collection at each Quarterly Meeting session to defray the expenses of that session. Any excess of receipts over expenses has been used for contributions to such causes as the Equalization Fund and the China Camp Fund.

The Queries are read and a short period allowed for their consideration.

7-30-60 Russel Ross and Thomas Fisher are appointed to serve for two years as members of the Corporation of Beacon Hill Friends House. Thomas Fisher is the representative to the Board of Managers. Thomas Fisher gave some interesting information about the operation of Beacon Hill Friends House.

Edward Manica extended an invitation to all Friends to attend the summer session of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held in Guilford, Conn., August 7.

Interesting and informative reports on the Yearly Meeting were given by three Smithfield Young Friends:

Jamie Estes reported on Junior Yearly Meeting
Ira Estes reported on Junior High Yearly Meeting
Eleanor Smith reported on Senior High Yearly Mtg.

Astrid Kroel presented a very full report on the activities of the Young Friends at the Five Year Meeting held in Richmond, Indiana.

At the close of the business meeting, Solomon Adagala, a member of Africa Yearly Meeting, spoke on the influence of Friends in Africa and of the school situation in Kenya Colony. He pointed out in detail the manner by which the large number of children who start school are gradually eliminated from education until at College there are only 300 left per year. He stressed the fact that more and more schools are needed at all levels from primary grades through college if the people of this country are to take their proper place in the world.

He closed by saying that he hopes Friends from all over the world can meet in Africa and that they practice Quakerism wherever they are.

We welcome as guests Solomon

7-30-60 Adagola, James and Verna Toothaker, Wendell Clapper of Hartford, Helen Hoag of Cambridge, Warren Rowe and Perlina Fisher of Woonsocket, the Herman Potts of North Brookfield and our gracious hosts Arthur and Violet Small.

Our business being finished, we close our meeting purposing to meet in Woonsocket Tenth Month, Sept.

10-15-60 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends met for its fall session in Woonsocket, R. I., Tenth Month 15 1960.

By advices received from our Monthly Meetings the following named Friends are representatives to this Meeting:

Bolton: Edith Paine, Susan Dow, Ruth Dow

Smithfield: Doris P. Mowry, Jane Cook, Kenneth Strobel, Joseph C. Estes, Richard McNamara and Ruth Smith.

Worcester: Arthur Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Edna Dumouchel, Edith Ware, Willard Ware, Emily Strauss, Letitia Jones, Walter Jones, Helen Walker and Sarah Walker.

The minutes of our last meeting are read and approved.

The Treasurer's report is read and approved. A collection is taken to defray the usual expenses of the Meeting.

The Queries are read and suitable time allowed for their consideration.

In accord with our usual practice, the representatives to this meeting are instructed to bring forward to the next meeting the names of Friends to act as Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this meeting.

A nominating Committee is appointed to bring forward to our next meeting names of Friends to serve on the various Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Committees. Friends appointed to this committee are Doris Mowry, Elizabeth Jones, Edith Paine, Clayton Brown, Kenneth Strobel and Russel Ross.

Arthur Johnson was named a Trustee and Treasurer of the Stephen Aldrich fund. Other

10-15-60 Trustees of this fund are Joseph Estes and Marjorie Babcock.

A letter is read from George Selleck and another concerned Friend regarding an untended cemetery in Richmond, N. H. Walter Jones offered to try to locate this cemetery and report to the Meeting.

Louis Marstaller reports that the Yearly Meeting has requested that members of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee and the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee be appointed so their terms will run concurrently with other committees. It is therefore approved that the terms of members appointed to these committees at our next meeting will take effect at the close of the next Yearly Meeting sessions.

Robert Coat is appointed to serve on the Board of Managers of the Beacon Hill Friends House to replace Thomas Fisher who is unable to serve in this capacity.

A minute from the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting was read concerning the request of the Pleasant Street Meeting of Friends in Worcester to affiliate itself with that Quarterly Meeting. The minute states that the matter is being referred to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

We welcome as visitors Louis Marstaller, Yearly Meeting Field Secretary, Olaf Hanson from the Christian Education Department of the Five Years Meeting and Lonnet Boardman, Acton, Mass. a member of the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Louis Marstaller spoke on intervisitation between Yearly Meetings. It is suggested that members of our meetings invite people

10-15-60 from other areas into their homes and their Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. He suggests that this be discussed in our local meetings and the Yearly Meeting office be notified if anyone desires to participate.

Willard Ware spoke on "Quaker Life", the new periodical replacing "Quaker Action" and "The American Friend". Thomas Fisher reports that Worcester's Committee on Religious Education is underwriting a year's subscription for each family active in the Meeting and the First Day School.

At the supper meeting Donnell Boardman spoke to us as a Friend concerned with the present day attitudes towards war and peace. He urged us all to be more concerned with living peaceful lives, believing that the key to world wide peace is in our attitudes towards our families and our friends. He feels that peace between nations must start with each one of us being at peace with those intimate to us.

Our business being accomplished, we close purposing to meet in Worcester, Mass. Fourth Month, next.

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Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends convenes for its Spring session in Worcester Mass., Fourth Month 22, 1961.

By advices received from our Monthly Meetings the following named Friends are representatives to this meeting.

Bolton: Susan Dow, Edith Paine. Both are present

Smithfield: Lauriston Smith, Laura Follett, Kenneth Strobel, Louise Taber, Leona Ewen, Russel Foss. All but one are present.

Worcester: Werner Feinberg, Joan Plumb, Robert Plumb, Elizabeth Jones, Edith Leavitt, Leisel Kroll. All but three are present.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and approved.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following names for Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Committees.

1. To the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee:
   Clayton Brown - Two years
2. To the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee:
   Melita B. Fisher - 1962 expiration
   Edith Ware - 1963 expiration
3. Representatives to Yearly Meeting:
   Robert N. Cook, Willard Ware, Clayton Brown, Melita B. Fisher, Edith Ware, Ruth Cook, Doris T. Mowry.
4. Young Friends Representatives to Yearly Meeting: The following names are suggestions only. All young Friends that attend are to consider themselves as representatives.

From Worcester
Astrid Kroll
Radmilla Frensic
Douglas Brown

From Smithfield
Eleanor Smith
Priscilla Follett
Lea Estes
James Estes

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5. Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools: Jane Cook.

6. Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee: Elizabeth Jones, Thomas Fisher, Jane Cook, Robert Cook, Edith Paine, Marion Ross, Russel Ross.

The representatives to our previous meeting who were appointed to bring in the names of Clerks to serve for the ensuing year appoint Clayton Brown, Clerk and Enid Strobel, Assistant Clerk. These names are approved by the meeting.

The reports of the spiritual condition of the Smithfield and Worcester Monthly Meetings are read, a summary of which will be sent to the Yearly Meeting.

The statistical report for the meeting was read.

The Treasurer's report is read and approved and a collection taken to defray expenses.

It was approved to contribute $50 to the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund and $25 to the China Camp Fund.

A letter from the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was read concerning recording Robert Cook as a minister of the Gospel after the manner of Friends. Such action was wholeheartedly approved. The Clerk will notify the Smithfield Monthly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel of this action.

Anne McNeers gave a very informative report on a United Nations Conference she attended which was conducted by the Friends General Conference. She suggested

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that we write our local newspapers in an effort to get them to print the column "Covering the U.N." believing that such publicity is needed to get the people interested in the United Nations various activities.

Louis Marstaller spoke on the forthcoming sessions of the Yearly Meeting. This will be the 300th anniversary of the New England Yearly Meeting and everyone is urged to attend.

Elizabeth Jones informs us that the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee in session this day in the Friends Center, Worcester, is sending a letter to President Kennedy, Secretary Rusk and New England representatives in Congress concerning the Cuban situation, asking them to do their utmost to bring about a peaceful settlement of our differences. She also gave a very interesting report on the Five Years Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Concerns she recently attended in Richmond, Indiana.

Willard Ware spoke on the Executive Board and Mission Board of the Five Years Meeting. He notes that Friends World Committee will hold a meeting this year at Kenya. He also tells us of the opportunity given Friends to extend their influence in the directing of schools there.

Walter Jones reports that George Bliss will look into the matter of a Friends Cemetery and other property located in Richmond, New Hampshire.

So the schedule of this Quarter's meetings may be listed correctly in the Yearly Meeting minutes, it was agreed that we will hold our 1962 summer

4-22-61 session in the Old Bolton Meeting at old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.

Our business being concluded we close purposing to meet again in Seventh Month at a place to be announced.

After supper a discussion on race relations was held. Invited guests from the Worcester branch of the NAACP were Mr. John Laws, Mr. George Spence and Mr. Ellsworth Napier.

7-15-61 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends meets for its summer session at East Blackstone, Mass., Seventh Month 15, 1961.

As our clerk, Clayton Brown, is ill in the hospital, the names of Eunice Strobel as acting clerk and Willard Ware as acting assistant clerk are approved.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and approved with one change.

The roll call of representatives is taken as follows:

Worcester: Edith Ware, Willard Ware, Ann Cleveland, Ervin Cleveland, William Bishop, Ann Bishop, Emily Strauss.

Smithfield: Bessie Ewen, Nellie M. Fisher, Henrietta Pendleton, Lauriston Smith, Lloyd C. Arnold, Kenneth M. Strobel.

Bolton: Susan Dow.

All representatives are present.

The Treasurer's report is read and approved. A balance of $9.11 is reported. The suggestion is made and approved that a collection be taken in view of the small balance in the treasury. The sum of $21.85 is received.

A minute introducing Bruce Kellogg of Dover, N.H. Preparative Meeting is read and this meeting approved endorsement of minute for return to Dover Meeting.

A message from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is received proposing that we meet with them for a joint Quarterly Meeting session in Tenth month. Discussion is held on this proposal with several Friends speaking on the subject. It is approved to so meet with them in the fall, plans for arrangements as to place and time to

7-15-61 be left to a joint committee made up of our arrangements committee and a committee to be appointed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting today as they convene in Westerly, R.I. This meeting would like to have facilities provided for a separate business meeting at that time.

Vacancies on the Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee are filled from the floor of the meeting: Emily Strauss to replace Thomas Fisher who is moving to New Canaan, Conn. Richard Mc Namara to replace Jane Cook who is moving to Maine.

Melita B. Fisher will replace Jane Cook as Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools.

Robert Cool reports that progress is being made on a proposed "U. N. Day" for Woonsocket growing out of Anne de Nevers' trip to the United Nations last spring. This project can not be sponsored by any religious organization but originated in and has the support of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting. Frederick Cornielson from the United Nations and a member of the Society of Friends will speak this evening to a group of interested Woonsocket residents to further this proposed event.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting report that the theme of ministry was emphasized - all are ministers and we should minister in the right way. There seemed to be more willingness to discuss pastoral and non-programmed meetings. Willard Ware reports transferral of invested funds so that new class rooms may be built at Moses Brown School. The Bible Half Hour led by Daryl Kent was outstanding. Visitors from other parts of the country proved interesting and seemed to tie the groups together. The Young Friends published a newspaper on the last day telling

7-15-61 of their activities.

Edith Ware reports that the goal of $80,000 for improvements to the New England Home has been exceeded and that they are trying to move in by October 1st. There are 6 persons living at Amesbury now and applications have been received from 10 others.

Thomas Bedine speaks on Friends General Conference. The General Conference emphasizes advancement - to tell the good news; to convey a sense of the presence of God to each individual. In the Five Years Meeting it would be called evangelism. The Cape May Conference conducts no business. Business is conducted by a central committee of about 125 representatives from the various Yearly Meetings in the Conference. New England Yearly Meeting uses many of the pamphlets and teaching aids published by the General Conference. The budget of the General Conference is much smaller than that of the Five Years Meeting but they do not include missions or service work in their budget.

Our business being concluded we close purposing to meet jointly with Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 10th Month 21st at a time and place to be decided.

Eunice Strobel
Acting Clerk

11-21-61 A joint session of Smithfield and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings was held at Moorestown, Rhode Island Tenth month 21, 1961.

Names of representatives to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting were read.

Names of representatives to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting were as follows:

Hopkins: Edith Leavitt, Robert Rhoads, Rutherford and Elizabeth Ernest, Walter and Letitia Jones, Nancy Johnson, and Elizabeth Jones. Three are absent

Smithfield: Dana Mowry, Lawrence and Ruth Smith, Richard McNamara and Mowry Ross One is absent.

Bolton: Susan Dow and Edith Paine. All present

Minutes of the Previous Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting were read and approved

Minutes of the previous Smithfield Quarterly Meeting were read and approved

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Russel Ross, a devoted member and tireless worker in the Smithfield Monthly Meeting and the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting who passed away from us eighth month 1, 1961.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer report was read and approved. A balance of $28.46 was reported.

Thyra Jane Foster spoke on Friends Committee on National Legislation. She had literature to distribute and she outlined the important and excellent work of this committee.

The Smithfield Quarterly Meeting representatives were named as a committee to bring in the names of a clerk and assistant clerk for

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the ensuing year. Walter Jones and Lawrence Smith are to head this committee.

The annual Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee for Quarterly Meeting and Area Yearly Meeting committee and Beacon Hill Friends House Committee was named as follows: Nelda Fisher, Edith Levie, Elizabeth Jones, Clayton Brown.

Kenneth Strobel was named Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Treasurer to replace the late Russel Ross.

Joseph Washburn spoke to us about his position as field secretary for the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference.

Patricia Smith of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting emphasized that each one of us can mediate for peace. If anyone feels he is unable to participate in organized peace groups, person-to-person contact and individual witnessing can be very effective.

Millicent Foster of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reported that Senator Pastore, who is on the Senate Atomic Commission, seems to be taking a new turning towards the testing of the atomic bomb. Sitting in joint session, we approved the sending of a message to Senator Pastore expressing this trend and a message to President Kennedy, with a copy to Senator Pastore, urging demilitarization.

Edward Wanice of New Haven, Connecticut, Meeting spoke on Friends going to the United Nations. Friends who feel concerned to send support for technical assistance may send it directly to the United Nations.

Edward White, clerk of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, spoke on the expansion program at Moses Brown School. The football field on the east side near Weymouth Avenue has been

10-21-61 stated: The architects are trying to design a building for classrooms to meet present teaching needs for all ages.

J. Warren Howe, Jr., Yearly Meeting Treasurer, reminded us that our yearly meeting giving should be stepped up to coincide with the inflationary prices of the present time.

Following this very busy joint session, our business having been accomplished, we adjourned planning to meet fourth month in Hoosett, Mypossachusetts.

- Clayton T Lewis, Clerk

4-14-62 Sessions of the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting were held at Worcester, Massachusetts, fourth month 14, 1962.

Names of representatives were read as follows:

Smithfield: Kenneth Stobel, Fred Carter, Caroline, Eleanor and Kevin Smith. Lawrence and Ruth Smith were substitute for Caroline and Eleanor Smith. All are present

Worcester: Frank and Edna Mc Wyrochet, Robert and Joan Blunt, Norma and Lincoln Berberg. Three were absent

Bolton: Susan Dow and Edith Hain. Both are present

Minutes of the previous Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of tenth month 21, 1961 were read and approved

The Queries were read and considered. It was commented that after listening to the reading of the Queries, we can realize that they were not written hurriedly but had been given deep thought and consideration over the years, to apply to our condition and situations.

The Reports of Spiritual Condition for the Worcester and Woonsocket Meetings were read and approved. A summarized report is to be written by Willard Ware to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting Office.

A reply to a letter sent to the President, after the October Quarterly Meeting, on the interest of negotiating the Berlin problem, was received from Mrs. George Bundy. It expressed for the President gratitude for Friends' concern and support.

Statistical Reports for Woonsocket and Bolton were read and noted. Worcester's report

4-14-62 was submitted later. These reports show an active resident membership as follows: Houston, 146; Thousand, 92; Dalton, 28. These reports are to be coordinated and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting office

The Treasurer, Kenneth Stobel, reported a balance on hand of $45.49, from which $16.00 is to be deducted for costs of the supper, leaving $29.49 available. A collection was taken for money for the Equalization Fund and for China Camps scholarship help. $77.50 was collected. Total available for distribution and for the treasury was therefore, $106.99. It was approved that $50.00 be sent to the Equalization Fund and $40.00 for the use of China camps. Balance on hand is now $16.99

Walter Jones and Lawrence Smith, acting as committee for the selection of Clerk and Assistant Clerk, presented the names of Clayton Brown for Clerk and Doris P. Mowery for Assistant Clerk. The report was approved.

Report of the Wonsocket Bible School was presented. Houston's report is to be presented later. Elizabeth Jones spoke of the recent discussion groups being held at Houston under the leadership of Rutherford Everest.

The Nominating Committee presented reports as follows, which were approved:

For Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting:

Kenneth Stobel	2 years
Clayton Brown	1 year

For Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting:

Edith Ivan	1963
Velma Fritts	1964

For Quarterly Meeting Bible School Superintendent

Doris P. Mowery

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For Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee:
Robert Ford (Convener) Rutherford Everest,
Emily Strauss, Elizabeth Jones, Lester Tobey,
Marion Rees and Edith Paine.

To Board of Managers, Bacon Hill Friends House:
Ruth H. Dow, Robert Ford, Edith Paine
and Clayton Brown

Representatives to Yearly Meeting:
Kenneth Strobel, Doris Mowry, Beane Ewen,
Nellie Fisher, Margaret Ware: Alternates:
Jane Cook, Edith Nau, Willard Ware and
Robert Plumb.

Representatives to Young Friends:
Caroline Smith, Eleanor Smith, Cynthia
Mowry, and Radmila Frenie.

Representatives to Junior Yearly Meeting:
James Estes, Jeffrey Plumb, Elizabeth Frenie

Our business having been accomplished,
we adjourned, planning to meet on July 21,
Saturday, at the Old Bolton Meetinghouse at Old
Sturbridge Village. The Arrangements Committee
will announce detailed plans later.

Willard Ware, Clerk for Day
Nellie Fisher, Asst. Clerk for Day

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Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends met at Stubridge Village, Stubridge, Mass. on Seventh Month 21, 1962.

Since the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were unable to attend, Willard Ware was appointed Clerk for the day and Emma Strobel was appointed Assistant Clerk for the day.

The roll of representatives was called.

Minutes of the preceding Quarterly Meeting session were read and approved with minor changes.

The Treasurer's report was read showing a balance of $22.19

A collection was taken with contributions amounting to $25.52.

Visiting friends included Thomas Bodine from Hartford, Conn. who is the new presiding Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting; Bernard Blanc from Paris, France, who is visiting this country for training and travel; Louis Wynstallen and family from Freeport, Maine; Theodore Paullin from Wilmington, Conn. who is Chairman of Department of Peace and Social Concerns

Thomas Bodine spoke on the new structure of the Yearly Meeting whereby activities are divided into Departments including Education Dept., Peace and Social Concerns Dept., Outreach Dept., and Finance Dept. He also mentioned the possibility of returning to daily religious meetings in small groups at Yearly Meeting next year so that more people may participate.

Theodore Paullin reminded us that the new department of Peace and Social Concerns needs each individual meeting to assume its responsibility for this concern.

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Lambridge Village is desirous of having a hostess, preferably a member of the Society of Friends, to show Bolton Meeting House to visitors. Anyone knowing a person who might be interested, please contact Mallard Ware

An announcement was made of a meeting to be held eighth month 5 at 5 o'clock p.m. at the Cathedral in the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire. All members of the New England Yearly Meeting are included in this meeting which is under the sponsorship of Nantucket Monthly Meeting. Friends are invited to the Meeting School after this meeting for refreshments and a social hour.

Lewis Marshall, Yearly Meeting field representative, said the revised section of the new Faith and Practice as made available to Friends, is simpler in its wording but not very different in meaning. The committee working on this project would like to hear your comments both for and against the revision. These suggestions or criticisms may be sent to George Selleck at Lambridge. Lewis Marshall also believes that each family in a meeting should subscribe to and read either Quaker Life or Friends Journal. Friends at the New England Friends Home in Hingham would like visitors, so anyone in the vicinity is urged to stop and say, "Hello."

Reports were made by representatives to Yearly Meeting and Junior Yearly Meeting. The Bible Half Hour with Moses Bailey and the report of the American Friends Service Committee were mentioned as of particular interest. Committee meetings took a great deal of the time of some of the representatives. Members of this Quarterly Meeting were urged to accept memberships on Yearly Meeting committees if at all possible, as it is a broadening experience and a

7-21-62 very important part of our Yearly Meeting obligations. The Juniors had numerous activities including the stuffing of cloth animals to be sent to hospitals in Algeria for the children there.

Hilliard Ware spoke on the response to the building fund at Moses Brown School. The fund passed the $500,000 mark and bids have been let for a new classroom building which will accommodate the entire upper school.

Our business being accomplished, we closed purposing to meet at Wanoosnet, Rhode Island, tenth month 20, 1962

WILLIARD WARE, Clerk for the Day.

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Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopedale, R.I. 10th month 20, 1962

Representatives appointed by the Monthly Meetings are:

Bolton: Susan Kline, Edith Paine. Both are present.
Hopedale: Edith Ware, Willard Ware, Herman Pratt, Leota Wallbridge, Edith Leavitt, Ruthford Everett. Three are present
Smithfield: Ruth Smith, Arnold Jones, Kenneth Stobel; Hobart Earl Allaire present.

Minutes of the meeting held 7th month 21, 1962 at Old Stubridge Village were read and approved.

The proposed revised Queries were read and prayerfully considered.

Kenneth Stobel, Treasurer, presented the report. Balance on hand is $47.93. It is approved. The usual collection at this time totals $19.25 to the Treasury.

A nominating committee is appointed as follows:

Edwin Jones, Hopedale
Nelita S. Fisher, Kenneth Stobel, Smithfield
Edith Paine, Bolton

The committee is to present at the next Quarterly Meeting names of suitable Friends to serve on the various Yearly and Quarterly Meeting's committees.

It has become the practice to appoint the Representatives to this meeting a committee to name, at the next Quarterly Meeting, those Friends who are to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the following year. Ruth Smith is named convenor.

A suggestion for discussion and thought

10-20-62 from the July Meeting is again brought to our attention. Alst Sturbridge Village observe a Friend to serve as hostess at the reconstructed Bolton Meetinghouse there. It should be someone able to present Quaker history and belief accurately and who can serve full time.

Nelda B Fisher announces that World Community Day, sponsored by United Church Women, will be observed at Friends Meeting, Hooksett at 8 pm. 11th month 2, 1962. The general theme is peace, with the speaker to be James Brown, writer for the newspaper "Providence Journal."

Edith Ware, speaking for the Books and Tract Fund Committee announces that each Monthly Meeting is entitled to order three books from the list provided and that each minister is entitled to one free subscription to "Quaker Life."

We welcome as visitor, Mildred Nourse, formerly of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, now a member of the meeting at Hanover, New Hampshire.

Our business being concluded we adjourn, proposing to meet 4th month 1963 at Harvard, Mass.

Clayton Brown, Clerk
Doris P. Howay, Assistant Clerk

At our evening meeting we were privileged to see a travelogue with colored slides - Birthplace of Quakerism presented by Ashland Ware

4-4-63 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Hoosier, Iyoos., 4th month 4, 1963.

Representatives in attendance are:
Hoosier: Herman Catt, Elizabeth Jones,
Frank Du Bois, Eleanor Shakour,
Shirley Weagle, Liesl Krull
Moorefield: Kenneth Stobel, Annie Stobel
Floyd Arnold, Bessie Ewen,
Lawrence Smith.
Walton: none

The minutes of the meeting held in Moorefield on 10th month were approved.

Ruth Smith, convenor, reports for the committee that the following are appointed to serve for the ensuing year:
Holland A. Ware, Clerk
Doris P. Mowry, Assistant Clerk
The meeting approves these appointments.

The Nominating Committee submits the following report
Treasurer: Kenneth Stobel
Yearly Meeting Finance Committee:
Kenneth Stobel 1 year
Clayton Brown 2 years
Nominating Committee:
Nelda B. Fiske, expires 1964
Edith C. Ware, expires 1965
Bible School Superintendent: Doris P. Mowry
Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee:
Ruthford Guest, Annie Stobel,
Elizabeth Jones, Louise Tabor, Mabel Cool,
Edith Paine, Marion Ross.
Representatives to Beacon Hill Friends House:
Ruth Coe, Edith Paine, Mabel Cool, Clayton Brown
Edith Paine is named to the Directors.
Representatives to Yearly Meeting:
Gregory Harrison, Jane Cook, Edith Ware,
Holland Ware, Doris P. Mowry,

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Nellie Fritchey, Eunice Stirtzel
Representatives to Young Friends:
Cynthia Young, Carol Fritchey, Rachmiel Frenkel,
Lea Estes.

Representatives to Junior Yearly Meeting:
James Estes, Elizabeth Frenkel, Jeffrey Plumb

The report is approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance on hand of $58.67 is approved. At this time the voluntary contributions is made; it amounts to $56.92.

The Treasurer requests permission to apply to the Internal Revenue Service for an identification number for the Quarterly Meeting's bank account. It is approved.

Arthur Johnson, Treasurer of the Stephen Aldrich Fund, reports the fund amounts to $4,628.

The Meeting approves the following contributions from current funds:

Yearly Meeting Expenditure Fund	$60.00 —
China Camps	30.00 —

Willard Ware raises the following question for careful consideration: May the income from the Stephen Aldrich Fund be used for helping young people? The Meeting appoints Willard Ware and the Trustees of the Fund (Arthur Johnson, Marjorie Babcock, Joseph Estes) investigating the conditions under which the Stephen Aldrich Fund was set up; to find the restrictions against and possibilities for using the interest for other purposes; to recommend a better method of appointing the Trustees of the Fund.

From the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting comes a reminder to Clerks of Meetings that the Treasury is $9,000. below the goal of $24,000; that it is necessary that the budget be maintained, as among other necessities is also the item of hiring a Director of Youth Activities.

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It is brought to the attention of this Meeting that the application of Pleasant Street Meeting for membership with the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting was considered at Meeting for Ministry and Counsel and that a letter expressing our concern about this matter is to be sent to the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The Statistical Reports were read and show the following changes in membership for 1962:

Bolton lost 2
Smithfield lost 1
Hanover gained 1

The Meeting approves Ruth Ford Everest, convener of Arrangements Committee, determining the place of the next meeting and to notify Louis Wanstall in time for posting at Yearly Meeting. Because of conflicting with other meetings, it is approved that the next Quarterly Meeting shall be held on 6th month 3, 1963

Louis J. Wanstall, Field Secretary, spoke to the Meeting mentioning the growth of new meetings and citing the possibility of a new meeting in the Springfield area.

Thomas Bodine, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, spoke to the matter of the new pattern of the 1963 Yearly Meeting sessions. There will be many small groups gathering each morning as Work Shops, with the first half hour used in worship followed by an hour and a half used in discussion of a particular concern under a leader. There will be full sessions representing the various fields of endeavor. These sessions will reduce the time necessary for the whole meeting to spend on business.

The clerk welcomes the following visitors
Margaret Bates from Wallingford

4.4.63 Louis and Clarabelle Tyrrell from Durham
Thomas Bodine from Hartford.

Our business being concluded we close,
purposing to meet again on 8th month 3, 1963
at a place to be announced.

Clayton T Brown, Clerk

After supper we settled down to a
very interesting meeting, the subject of which
was "Why Kenya?" Speakers were Willard Ware
and Frank Lyman, recently returned from
Kenya, and Lobb and Jean Smith and
Leslie Barrett who are soon to assume
positions there.

8-3-1963 At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Old Bolton Meeting House, Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts, 8th month, 3rd, 1963.

The meeting opened for business after a period of silent meditation.

Representatives to this meeting are:
from Bolton - Edith Paine, Susie Dow; both are present;
from Smithfield - Lawriston Smith, Ruth Smith, Kenneth Strobel, Bessie Ewen, Lloyd Arnold; all are present;
from Worcester - Clayton Brown, Edith Ware, Leota Wadleigh, Herman Pott, Elizabeth Jones, Edith Leavitt, Walter Jones, Letitia Jones - all but one are present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one change.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved. A collection was taken for general purposes.

Announcement was made of the celebration of Dover Meeting's 300th Anniversary to be celebrated 8th month 17.

Also announced is the meeting for worship to be held at The Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire tomorrow, 8th month 4th. It is sponsored this year by Cambridge Monthly Meeting.

Robert Saal, reporting on Yearly Meeting sessions, comments that the Worship-Workshops and the half hour Worship period preceding the Workshop were very interesting and effective. Speaking on the Five Years Meeting sessions, he reports that he attended the Peace Workshop and found it to be the best he has ever attended. Three different positions of Friend regarding peace were presented and discussed. The Worship periods, one of which he co-chairmanned, he feels drew Friends together and helped get things done. He came away feeling that there was a great strength in Friends because of a belief that they can work very closely together for the greater things in life. He reports, also, that there were about 40 members of New England Yearly Meeting in attendance.

Willard Ware reports, that this year East Africa Yearly Meeting had two representatives at Five Years Meeting in addition to 17 young Friends. Many of these students are representatives to the various Five Years Meeting boards for the first time this year. The Evangelism and Church Extension Department has been developing many new Meetings. A particular project in Phoenix, Arizona is being used as a test to see what can develop as aids in establishing Friends Meetings in new areas.

G. Arthur Small advises us that it will be impossible for the Quaker Meeting House Association in Uxbridge, Massachusetts to continue to support the Friends Meeting House in South Uxbridge. He suggests that title to the building and money for its support be transferred to the Association for the Preservation of New England Antiquities so that its future preservation will be assured.

8-3-1963 As this meetinghouse is under the care of Worcester Meeting it was approved that the matter be referred to them.

It was approved that a note of appreciation be sent to the Sturbridge Village Association for the use of their facilities for this meeting.

We welcome as visitors Violet and G. Arthur Small, who have been our hosts for many meetings held at the South Uxbridge Meeting House.

Our business being concluded we close with silent worship - purposing to meet at Woonsocket, R. I. 10th month next.

Willard Ware, Clerk
Clayton T. Drown, Asst. Clerk for the day."